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CHINESE TROOPS OPEN FIRE ON HONG KONG 'PLANE

British Flyers' Narrow Escape; Wings Riddled By Machinegun

Incident Near Macao Airfield

FORCED TO TAKE VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Two British flyers, while on a routine training trip from Kai Tak airport to Macao yesterday morning, narrowly escaped death or injury when machine gun fire from the Chinese mainland hit their aircraft, damaging both wings.

The attacked aircraft was a Stinson Sentinel belonging to the Far Eastern Flying School based in Hong Kong, and was piloted by Mr. A. S. Halls, Chief Instructor of the School, with Mr. W. T. Dobson of Cathay Pacific Airways as passenger. Frequent flights are made each week to Macao by training school 'planes which have the written permission of the Macao Government to fly to, and land at the Portuguese Colony.

The Stinson Sentinel, which left Kai Tak at 9.30 yesterday morning arrived over Macao twenty minutes later.

In an exclusive interview with Mr. Halls and Mr. Dobson yesterday they told me: "As the 'plane came inland from the sea parallel to Chinese territory at a height of about 400 feet there were four shots fired from the ground which struck one wing of the aircraft. We were then doing 90 miles an hour."

Pilot's Story

Said Mr. Halls: "As soon as I heard the shots I looked down and saw a Chinese machine gun post manned by troops. I put the aircraft into violent evasive action and immediately there was a complete burst of machine gun fire which lasted for about 25 seconds, and the aircraft passed over the perimeter of Macao airfield under fire.

"As soon as the aircraft touched the ground the firing ceased."

Mr. Dobson added to this that he thought at first the shots were the noise of the aircraft's engine in trouble but when the second burst of fire followed he realised what was happening and bent forward in his seat to avoid being hit.

On examination of the aircraft at Macao it was found that there were a large number of bullet holes in the wings, four of which were small calibre bullet holes in the starboard wing. These were only three feet from the pilot and passenger seats and must have passed directly across the shield of the aircraft.

Report To Consul

Mr. Halls and Mr. Dobson said that shortly after landing at Macao they reported the incident to the British Consul, Mr. Hill Murray, who immediately sent a signal informing Sir Mark Young of the incident.

Mr. Dobson, who is an Australian resident in Hong Kong told me yesterday: "If the Hong Kong Government do not take action I will place the matter before the Home Government."

The Portuguese authorities in Macao were also notified of the attack on Hong Kong aircraft and enquiries were begun into the affair at once. Mr. Halls said that a Portuguese police officer went to the border to investigate the firing and he was told by the Chinese police and customs that they knew nothing about it, but added that there was a Chinese machine gun post 100 yards from the Macao border which was probably responsible.

"Threat"

It was previously reported in the Hong Kong press that during the British Air Ministry mission's stay in Canton recently a signal had been received by the Hong Kong Government that in future all unidentified aircraft would be shot down over Chinese territory. This attack on an unarmed civil aircraft is the first instance of the threat being carried out.

CNAC TO FLY TO 'FRISCO

Shanghai, April 12.

The China National Aviation Co. (CNAC) plans to institute within a few days regular airline service between Shanghai and San Francisco, according to a Central News report.

The report said the company will open a regular schedule based on the completion of its second successful trial hop over the proposed route. The fare will be US$900.—United Press.

Record Flight Attempt

Paris, Apr. 13.

Milton Reynolds, Chicago ball-pen manufacturer, landed here at 10.51 a.m. local time, completing the first leg of his round-the-world speed record flight.

The A-26 attack-bomber, carrying Reynolds and two companions, made a perfect three-point landing at Orly field here, 11 hours and 46 minutes after it left LaGuardia Field, New York.

Reynolds was 14 minutes ahead of his estimated time of arrival in his attempt to beat the round-the-world flight record of 91 hours set by Howard Hughes in 1936.

(Reuter points out that the present flight will be 6,000 miles longer than Hughes' route, because Soviet Russia has refused to grant permission for Reynolds to fly over Russian territory)

Stops on his 20,000-mile route will be Calcutta, Shanghai, Tokyo and Anchorage, Alaska.

An earlier United Press dispatch said Reynolds left Gander (Newfoundland) airport at 2.51 a.m. GMT for Paris on the second leg of his world flight

The pen-maker and his two-man crew expect to complete the round-the-world flight in 55 hours, beating Hughes' record.—United Press.

Late Flash

An Associated Press flash announces that Reynolds took off from the Orly field for Cairo at 1212 hours GMT.

MRS. COX, 86, FLIES ATLANTIC

New York, Apr. 13.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Cox, aged 86, of South Norwood, arrived by air in New York to attend the wedding of her daughter. Mrs. Cox who last saw her daughter in London 12 years ago, said that because the trip had tired her somewhat she stopped to rest for two days at Gander, Newfoundland.

Her daughter, Mrs. Winifred Philip, will be married in a few weeks to Antonious Stoup, a New York City hotel manager.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

An anticyclone over Central China extends eastward to the Ilonins and as a ridge southwards over the S China Sea. Troughs of low pressure over N Mongolia and NE of Hokkaido are moving eastward. Pressure is low SE of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast:—Light easterly winds inshore; moderate NE offshore; weather fine with morning haze.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 78.2 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 66.1 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 9.8 hours.
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FIFTY FIREMEN FELLED

Philadelphia, Apr. 12.

Fifty firemen were felled and five hospitalized while fighting a blaze which sent out acrid smoke from arsenic-soaked paper stored at the National Stationers Inc.

Three calls for more fire fighters were sent out before the blaze was finally brought under control.—United Press.

"York" Crashes At Dakar

London, Apr. 13.

Two were killed and one seriously injured when a giant "York" plane bound for Rio de Janeiro crashed at Dakar early today.

Preliminary reports indicated the plane might have crashed due to poor visibility in a heavy fog. The plane left London on Saturday morning, carrying 18 passengers but dropped some of them at Lisbon.

It is not known whether the casualties were passengers or part of the crew, which included five men and a stewardess.

It was a British South American Airways plane.

Headquarters in London said details of the crash had not yet reached here but were expected shortly.—United Press.

"Wellington" Crashes

Watford, Apr. 13.

The pilot of an RAF Wellington bomber was killed today when his plane crashed near Watford.

His three-man crew baled out and the plane then crashed on the corner of a ploughed field.—United Press.

Shinwell Appeal To Miners

Easington, Apr. 13.

The Minister of Fuel and Power, Emanuel Shinwell, expressed hope today that Britain will beat its fuel problem.

The Minister, who bore the brunt of a great proportion of the criticism that followed England's coal strike spoke to miners at the Easington Colliery in County Durham.

"If we could manage to produce 220,000,000 tons during the next coal year beginning May 1," he declared, "we should perhaps be able to satisfy the needs of every industry, increase household supplies, and have a surplus in order to make a fresh start."

The government's coal production target for the year is 200,000,000 tons.—Associated Press.

Dutch Help To Seal River Gaps

Gainsborough, Apr. 12.

Dutch engineers are working side by side with British engineers, troops, RAF personnel and workmen in a non-stop day and night effort to close two big river breaches in Lincolnshire, where thousands of acres of farmland are under water.

The first of the giant pontoon cranes which will be used to seal the gap at Morton, near Gainsborough, where 22,000 acres are submerged, has arrived at Hull, Yorkshire, from Holland. Although the work of erecting its eight ton jib is in progress, it is not expected to reach Morton until Tuesday or Wednesday.

In the meantime, hundreds of tons of stone are being stacked ready for use when the attempt to close the gap before high tides, due in a week, begins.

Sheet steel piling will be used tomorrow to fill the newly opened breach at Cowbit Wash, near Crowland, Lincolnshire, where flood waters yesterday swept away five of the 16 tanks forming a dam, threatening 30,000 acres of land.

Northern Command Headquarters has sent 12 more tanks. Steam hammers, steel piles, hundreds of tons of stone, and thousands of sand-bags will be put in position tonight in readiness for tomorrow's operation.—Reuter.

Mystery Shots At S'cutters

Three Police Launches were sent at top speed to Stonecutter's Island at 3 a.m. yesterday, following an attack on an Indian constable of the Royal Navy Dockyard police there.

A number of shots were fired at the policeman. This was the second attack of this nature in three days, another Indian constable having been wounded by mysterious shots on Thursday last.

The police launches combed the waters around the island, but could find no trace of any strange craft.

It is presumed that those responsible for the shooting were by then hidden somewhere on the island, waiting to be picked up when the coast was clear.

The Pilot Of The 'Plane

This photograph shows Mr. A. S. Halls, Chief Instructor of the Far Eastern Flying School, Kaitak, standing in front of the Stinson "Sentinel" training 'plane which was riddled by bullets from a Chinese machinegun as it came in for a landing at Macao airfield yesterday morning.

CATERERS TOLD: DON'T CRY 'STINKING FISH'

London, Apr. 12.

The British Caterers Association today advised tourists not to visit Britain until 1948 and brought an immediate and sharp retort from the Government's chief holiday press agent: "Don't cry 'stinking fish' at your own country."

Sir Alexander Maxwell, chairman of the Government's Tourist and Holidays Board, was perturbed about the report issued by the caterers after a tour of the United States. They said the influx of visitors to Britain this summer might bring £50,000,000 worth of ill will—because the country is far from being in a luxurious postwar condition—instead of £25,000,000 annual income.

He was so perturbed that he summoned a press conference at the Savoy Hotel and laid on Scotch, gin, wine and brandy for correspondents whom he told: "The Government's view that people should be encouraged to visit this country has not been altered. We have hundreds of letters from people—many of them are former troops—and most of them are Americans who want to come here, and this talk about our not being able to receive them is just damned nonsense.

Call A Halt

"When we have got people in our own country who shout out 'stinking fish' at us I think it is time to call a halt." Sir Alexander believed that the average tourist would not expect to find luxury in Britain to parallel the standard of living in the United States.

"Why," he said. "We were not good even before the war. Even then we could not give the people all they wanted. How could anybody expect to get in England in 1947 whatever they can get in America?"

Sir Alexander was worried about adverse publicity. He said there had been some cancellations as a result of Britons talking Britain down abroad.

"But there isn't one tourist who has cancelled one damned ticket to Italy or any other former enemy country whose economic position is dependent on the rest of the world and is no better than ours.

"Why shouldn't they come? Those Americans who were here when things were tough are those who now are waiting and wanting to come back and say thank you."

70,000 Yanks

According to Arthur Mullins, under-secretary of the Board of Trade's Tourist Division, and Sir Alexander's aide, there are some 70,000 Americans who want to come this summer.

"We expect 70,000 from North America during the tourist season and 150,000 overall during the year," he said. "We expect them to spend £20,000,000 here."

And to cater for that £20,000,000 Sir Alexander said the Caterers Association, who in his words cried "stinking fish" at Britain, had not even asked for any help except a few sheets of steel for shining counters which the Tourist and Holidays Board was unable to provide.

Sir Alexander gave no assurance that the 150,000 visitors would get liquid refreshments as good as he served either.—United Press.

London, Apr. 12.

Radio Ankara reported tonight that the United States delegation from the Inter-Parliamentary Conference at Cairo arrived in Ankara today.—United Press.

NO DOCK STRIKE IN LONDON

London, Apr. 13.

A strike which threatened to paralyse the London Docks tomorrow appeared to have been averted today when 1,500 London dockers voted to defer strike action and attempt again to settle the dispute amicably.

The dockers had threatened to strike in sympathy with the Glasgow dock workers, who struck when the Ministry of Labour decided that 500 Clydeside dockers were "redundant" and discharged them.

The Ministry previously refused to order an inquiry, bringing on strike threats in London and Liverpool which, if carried out, would involve some 17,000 men.

The dockers' decision to defer a strike is expected to be followed by other workers at the Royal Docks, Victoria, Albert, King George, West India and Millwall. Liverpool also is expected to follow suit.

The dockers' meeting passed a resolution supporting a meeting immediately of the "workers side of the National Joint Council for Port Transport Industry . . . in order that they should try to agree to a common policy with a view to making representations to the Ministers concerned on the question of redundancy in Glasgow." — United Press.

Official Report

Reuter adds that Mr. J. Donovan, secretary of the Dock Section of the union, who returned from a visit to the Channel Islands to address the meeting, gave the undertaking that there would be an official report of the redundancy question underlying the three-week strike of 3,500 Glasgow men.

They were prepared, he added, to cooperate with the Scottish union in finding out if dismissal notices to 500 "redundant" Glasgow dockers conflicted with union policy.—Reuter.

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Troops Stand By In Lisbon

Lisbon, Apr. 12.

Officers of the Portuguese Army were today ordered to return to barracks where troops were standing by, following reported strike disturbances.

Lisbon's two-week-old dock and shipyard strike, involving several thousand men, showed definite signs of spreading. This was believed in some quarters to be part of a widespread organised plan to force Dr. Antonio Salazar's regime either to make sweeping concessions to its opponents or to resign.

Some factories struck in sympathy during the past week and well-informed observers believed that the British-owned street cars, the water, light and gas companies and the railroads might join in next week.

Unrest in the Army was also reported.

According to some circles, four high ranking officers posted for duty to the Cape Verde Islands and Madeira were removed from Portugal for political reasons.

Planes Sabotaged

Recently, a number of army planes at Cintra airfield were sabotaged. A power cable to the Marconi radio station on the outskirts of Lisbon was cut for 18 hours and telephone communication between the capital and north Portugal was severed for several hours yesterday.

The only open Government reaction to the situation so far has been an official description of the strikes as "instigated by Communists".

Announcements published in all papers appealed to the workers not to be "deluded by International Communist agitators."

Stern Measures

A strikers' spokesman claims that their only demands were better Government control of food distribution and more effective measures against the black market.

Stern measures have been taken against the strikers by the authorities. In the working class districts, police patrol the streets and there have been reports of baton charges and of numerous arrests.

Strikers, it is reported, have been rounded up off streets and driven away in police vans. Railway stations round Lisbon are guarded. The situation is also reported to be serious in the factory district across the river from Lisbon.

Liberals Oppose Socialism

London, Apr. 12.

Liberals of 19 countries, who have founded the "Liberal International" under the auspices of the British Liberal Party, today adopted at their Oxford conference a strongly anti-Socialist manifesto opposing state ownership and control.

The manifesto said the principle of state ownership should only be admitted for undertakings which were beyond the scope of private enterprise or in which competition no longer played a part. The right to private ownership of property, the right to embark on individual enterprise and the consumer's free choice are included in the manifesto.

The manifesto, while pleading for social security, warned against "suppression of economic freedom" as it was bound to lead to the disappearance of political freedom. — United Press.

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April 26—K.C.C. Play: "A Worm's Eye View."
April 28—"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.
May 7—Dinner To Sir Mark and Lady Young, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

San Francisco, Apr. 12.
The $2,000,000 Bank of America building was damaged to the extent of $50,000 by a fire started by faulty electrical connections last night.—United Press.

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MOSCOW CONFERENCE STILL FACING A DEADLOCK

France Will Stay In Madagascar

Tananarive, Apr. 12.
Frenchmen and France are in Madagascar "and will stay there," M. Marcel de Coppet, French High Commissioner to Madagascar, stated today in a speech before several thousand people in Tananarive.

After summing up the history of the revolt and its development in Madagascar, the High Commissioner continued:

"Proof of premeditation of these crimes is now established. Simultaneous attacks at Moramanga and at Manakara and sabotage of telephone lines demonstrate that the plot was intended to include the greater part of the island and that it would only have been undertaken by a party having ramifications throughout the island.

"Those who have taken part in these crimes will be pitilessly punished."—Reuter.

Russia Adamant Over Polish Frontiers

(By Sylvain Mangeot)
Moscow, Apr. 12.

The Council of Foreign Ministers ended their meetings this week still faced with as close a deadlock as when the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, gloomily told the Ministers on Monday that they had been four weeks in Moscow and had done nothing.

All that has happened since then is that the unresolved deadlock over the report from the Berlin Control Council has given way to a deadlock over the frontiers of Germany. The only measure of agreement reached in three days debate on boundaries is on the general principle that Allied territorial claims against Germany should be deferred to the Ministers' deputies and farmed out to expert committees for factual study.

Russia, however, is adamant that the Polish frontiers be excluded on the ground that they were irrevocably fixed at Potsdam which the three western Allies interpret as only provisional on this point.

The second major point of cleavage centres on France's demand for an immediate decision to incorporate the Saar in the French economic orbit, and Molotov's demand that the Ruhr be placed immediately under four power control.

It now emerges clearly that M. Molotov is withholding consent to France's Saar claim as a bargaining weapon in exchange for acceptance of his efforts to get Russian say in the control of Ruhr industry.

Lynch-Pin

It is abundantly clear that the plan to satisfy France's insistent demand for increased coal allocations is virtually agreed among the British, French and American experts. The lynch-pin of this plan is the agreement whereby the Saar would come entirely under French economic control so as to allow France to receive the entire Saar coal output instead of pooling it in the overall German exportable coal tonnage.

Molotov's refusal to agree to a quick settlement of the Saar question jeopardises the whole attempt to relieve France's major economic problem.

There are prospects of the duration of the conference being lengthened as a number of items of the main conference agenda remain untouched.

These include a four-power disarmament treaty, Austrian peace treaty and limitation of occupation forces in Germany.

British Plan

It seems clear that Mr. Ernest Bevin (Britain) General George Marshall (United States) and M. Georges Bidault (France) are prepared to stay in Moscow as long as there is any chance to make headway on any of the major questions.

The Foreign Ministers' deputies for Germany met today for the last discussion on their peace conference procedure report, which was being submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers this afternoon.

The most noteworthy contribution today was the British proposal to solve the conflict in the information and consultation group by splitting it into two committees: 1. a consultation conference with membership limited to the "Big Four" and Allied states which are Germany's neighbours and other states who took part in the war with armed forces, including Persia, and 2. an information conference consisting of the "Big Four" and all states at war with Germany who wish to participate.—Reuter.

One Achievement

Moscow, April 12.
The Foreign Ministers Council ends five weeks of debate today with one major achievement—the disclosure of some secret agreements and minutes of the Big Three wartime conferences.

Hardly a day passes without some reference to what was said and done at the super-secret wartime meetings at Teheran, Moscow and Yalta. The trend early in the conference forced the Anglo-American Governments to make public at long last all the remaining secret agreements and the feeling here at present in some quarters is that the present tendency may force publication eventually in some form of the summary of some of the discussions at those secret meetings.

Thus far revealed are:

1. The secret Yalta agreement in which Roosevelt and Churchill agreed on German reparations from current production and labour and Roosevelt okayed $10,000,000,000 worth for the Soviets.

2. The secret Potsdam agreement in which Attlee and Stalin agreed not to exact any reparations from Austria.

3. The Bevin-Byrnes-Stalin secret conversations at Potsdam on the Polish-German frontier which the British and Americans at present interpret as meaning the Potsdam line is temporary but the Soviets as meaning the line permanent.

4. Roosevelt at Teheran wanted Germany cut up into five states and Churchill at Moscow wanted it divided into three states.—United Press.

HE LIKES TO FIGHT

Rangoon, Apr. 12.
Announcing today that he is going on a tour of the districts next week, "to begin a recruiting campaign" for a revolutionary army of 100,000 men, Thakin Ba Sein, leader of the Dobama (Burma for the Burmans) Party, said that he planned to raise an army "to fight British imperialism and its hirelings," in Burma.

Ba Sein, who is a former member of the Burmese Interim Government, told Reuter: "No one can take part in Burmese politics—not even to organise public meetings—unless he has a private army behind him. If the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League can have its own army of People's Volunteers, I do not see why other parties cannot have their own armies."—Reuter.

Truman Favourite For 1948

Washington, Apr. 12.
President Truman ended his first year in office today as a favourite for renomination in 1948 and was more sure of himself than at any time since he took over the reins of the United States Government on the death of President Roosevelt.

He flew to Missouri to visit his ailing 94-year-old mother.—United Press.

World Peace

Washington, Apr. 12.
President Truman, proclaiming May 22 as National Maritime Day, said the future of world peace will be "immeasurably advanced by international cooperation in removing excessive restrictions on international trade."

He said the level of international trade would be increased "as the United States increases its participation in world affairs."—United Press.

Mystery Leaflet Raid

Paris, Apr. 11.
Pamphlets believed to be of foreign origin were reported to have been dropped from an airplane last night on the towns of Tonda and Brigh, two former Italian areas, which were transferred to France under the Italian peace treaty.

The pamphlets warned the local population that the result of their attachment to France would be military enrolment to defend Indochina and other French colonies.

A spokesman for the French Foreign Office this afternoon said that the Government had not been informed of the events.—Reuter.

FEC Bans Emperor Worship

Washington, Apr. 11.
The Far Eastern Commission today forbade the teaching of military subjects and Emperor worship in Japan. It sent a directive to General Douglas MacArthur and an accompanying doctrine on Japanese education.

It said future education in Japan should be considered as "preparation for life in a democratic nation and as a training for the social and political responsibilities which freedom entails."

The FEC's directive to MacArthur said those Japanese whose records show them "pronounced exponents of ultra-nationalistic, militaristic or totalitarian ideas" should be forbidden to teach. It said the "teaching of ultra-nationalism, state Shintoism, veneration of the emperor, exultation of state over the individual and race superiority should be eliminated from the educational system."

It added that text books and other reading materials that contain such ideas "should be replaced by textbooks which give an understanding of progressive ideas." It recommended that foreign books be made available in central libraries for teachers' use.—United Press.

"Maquis" In Paraguay

Buenos Aires, Apr. 11.
Anti-Government insurgents are building up a "Maquis" similar to the underground movement of resistance against the Nazis in Europe, reports from Paraguay frontier regions said today.

Groups of "Macheteros"—knife-wielding guerillas—who became famous in the Chaco war with Bolivia, are attacking small garrisons and police posts in Government-held territory, one report stated.

One prominent Paraguayan political exile here said that the insurgents, who recently staged organised military opposition to the Government in Asuncion, appeared to have lost the initiative to the forces of President Hirino Morinigo, but, he added, "even if the revolutionary movement fails the insurgents will fight to the last man."

He said that insurgent leaders made a mistake in the early stages of the uprising by allowing a Communist to take over Concepcion, which they controlled. This rallied behind the government of President Morinigo anti-Communist forces both inside and outside Paraguay, whereas the actual number of Communists in the insurgent ranks was infinitisimal, he claimed.—Reuter.

New Company Formed

New York, Apr. 11.
The formation of the Cathay Insurance Company by Sino-American commercial and banking interests to cover fire, marine, automobile and other risks in the United States and the Far East was announced today.

The Company, organised with a capital of US$1,000,000 and another US$1,000,000 paid in surplus, will have on its Board of Directors K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Shanghai Commercial Savings Bank, Li Ming, Chairman of the Chekiang Industrial Bank, and many prominent American bankers and foreign traders.—Central News.

ITALIAN AIR COMPANY

Rome, Apr. 12.
The Linee Aeree Italiane (LAI), the Italian Republic's first postwar civil aviation company to begin operation, made its inaugural flights today from Urbe airport in the presence of United States Army Air Force representatives and Italian government officials.

The LAI was created by an accord between the Italian government and the Trans-World Airways. Forty percent of the capital stock is owned by the Italian state, 20 percent by Italian individuals and 40 per cent by the TWA.—United Press.

ILLEGAL SESSION

Hamburg, Apr. 12.
Dr. Otto Ostrowski, Social Democrat Lord Mayor of Berlin, asked to resign after a vote of "no confidence" in Berlin's city Parliament last night, tonight refused to do so.

Referring to the Berlin Municipal Council's special session today at which it was decided to call for his resignation, Dr. Ostrowski declared that the session was illegal, being called in his absence by a deputy without "compelling" circumstances.

He added that the Allies had no far taken no stand in the matter.—Reuter.

No Third Party For Wallace

Stoke-on-Trent, Apr. 12.
Henry A. Wallace said at a public meeting tonight that "in all probability" he would not start a third party in the United States, but "somebody else might—possibly Senator Claude Pepper (D., Florida)."

Wallace made the statement in answer to a question from the floor at the conclusion of his address before the Stoke-on-Trent United Nations Association.

"A third party in America has always been doomed to ignominious defeat in its first effort, due to the election laws of various states," he said. "I can conceive of a situation where the two old parties became so utterly conservative that a new party would start, and in one national election gain enough strength to win in the next."

During meetings here and in Manchester, Wallace preached tolerance toward Russia to sympathetic and enthusiastic audiences.

"I hope the day will come when the President, the Prime Minister and Stalin will get together man to man and reach an understanding which will create confidence," he declared.

Wallace said "Stalin seemed to hold out the hand of friendship in his recent interviews," and commented "I wonder if the United States will be truly reciprocated by those loans to Greece and Turkey."—United Press.

Wallace On Truman

Stoke On Trent, Apr. 12.
Henry Wallace had this to say about a report that President Truman had been urged to reply to the speeches of the former U.S. Vice-President in England:—

"The last time I talked with him he said he agreed with everything I said. What I said then was a lot stronger than anything I've said over here."

Wallace said that was before he made his Madison Square Garden speech in New York last autumn, urging friendship with Russia.

In speeches at Manchester and Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday Wallace opposed Truman's proposal for $400,000,000 aid to Greece and Turkey.—Associated Press.

Chiangs Back In Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 13.
President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned here at 12:45 yesterday afternoon aboard their private plane "Meiling" after spending the Ching Ming Festival at the President's town, Fenghua. They made a brief stopover at Hangchow on their return journey.

Among those at the airfield to greet the presidential couple were Dr. T. V. Soong, Mayor K. C. Wu, and General Hsuan Te-wu, Commander of the Shanghai Garrison Headquarters.

The President is expected to stay here for two days before returning to Nanking.—Central News.

"PLYMOUTH VICTORY" UNDER TOW

San Diego, Cal., Apr. 12.
The Coastguard today received a radio message that the s.s. "Plymouth Victory," bound for China with a load of UNRRA cattle, had been taken in tow by a Navy tug near the Balboa, Panama Canal zone, after an engine failure and was being brought to San Pedro, California. The vessel is expected to reach San Pedro on April 18.—Associated Press.

Lindbergh Endorses Truman Policy

New York, Apr. 13.
One of the most ardent Isolationists, Charles A. Lindbergh, broke his long silence on world affairs today, endorsed by implication President Truman new foreign policy and pleaded for the achievement of American aims abroad even at the cost of using military force.

Although he did not refer to Truman specifically, Lindbergh in a press statement said he is "pleading again for a consistent American policy toward Europe" of helping nations with ideals similar to those of the United States.

Lindbergh said in his statement, "We have destroyed Nazi Germany only to find that in doing so we have strengthened Communist Russia behind whose 'iron curtain' lies a record of bloodshed and oppression never equalled....

"Seven years ago I toured this country pleading for a consistent American policy toward Europe....At home and abroad I had been advocating that England, France and America build their strength but refrain from war while Nazi Germany and Communist Russia fought out their totalitarian ideas....

No Cost Too High

"Those of us who opposed intervention were unsuccessful. Our country went into war and we went with it."

The statement continued, "Today I plead again for a consistent American policy toward Europe. It would be disastrous for us to continue wavering back and forth between intervention and withdrawal. We made our decision when we entered the war. Our honour demands and our security depends upon carrying through what we started.

"We must help to rebuild western civilization. We must reestablish and protect the ideals we believe in. This will require our extending financial assistance. It may require the use of military force. But no necessary cost is too high for the accomplishment of these objectives....

No Better Way

"The welfare of other nations has always been of great importance to us but in the years past we Americans could live securely behind our own defences regardless of conditions abroad. At present in the rocket and atomic age the welfare of other nations is more than important....

"Our security at present depends on preventing the assembly of modern weapons by an aggressive power. It depends on the cooperation of peoples who believe in freedom and the dignity of man and in a way of life that is basically similar to our own.

"Wherever these people need help we must assist them. There is no better way, probably no other way, to attain security, peace and progress of our civilization." — United Press.

Australian On Bail Of $50,000,000

Shanghai, Apr. 13.
The Shanghai district court released on bail of $50,000,000 in Chinese currency Hubert R. Heath, 46-year-old Australian from Potts Point, Sydney, charged with misappropriating a quantity of sheet aluminium and pine plyboards from a CNRRA engineering works here.

CNRRA is the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the agency through which UNRRA supplies are distributed in China.

During the proceedings Heath pleaded innocent.

The court announced it would give judgment on April 19.

Heath had been under detention since his arrest by the Chinese police in Shanghai on Nov. 29, 1946.

His counsel contended that considering the time of the alleged offence, his case fell under the general amnesty proclaimed on New Year's day.

Also released on bail for the same sum was E. Schapelro, a Pole tried on the same charges. Five Chinese facing the same charges were, however, remanded in custody.— Associated Press.

FRANTIC MILITARISTS

Moscow, Apr. 12.
The New Times severely attacked atomic bomb development by the United States and demanded that the world's scientists "fully expose the organizers of wholesale submission of American science to frantic militarists."

The publication claimed that 90 percent of American expenditures for scientific research is devoted to "means of destruction and ruin....the militarists and industrialists are using science to advance their plans of conquering the world."—United Press.

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WALLACE AROUSES HORNET'S NEST

Former Vice-President Accused Of "Near Treason"

Wave Of Feeling Sweeps Congress

Washington, Apr. 12.

The attacks on the United States foreign policy made by former Vice-President Henry Wallace in speeches in England have led to charges of "near treason," "lack of patriotism" and "undemocratic behaviour" in the press and Congressional quarters.

Some political observers see in the wave of sentiment sweeping Congress a factor which may serve to unite Congress behind President Truman in a way that might never have been contemplated when President Truman enunciated his doctrine a month ago

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, (not what Mr. Wallace will do in 1948 but what he is doing in 1947."

Still In Party

This apparently was a reference to Wallace's possible role in the next presidential campaign.

Mr. Truman said this week he was not reading Wallace out of the Democratic party.

Senator Robertson explained he thinks it perfectly proper for opponents of the Greek-Turkish plan to speak up in this country.

Robertson, who was born in Britain, added "I don't think the British people are going to be foolish enough to be influenced by what he says." Associated Press.

CALCUTTA RIOTS

Calcutta, April 12.

The police in Calcutta twice today fired 11 rounds in attempts to stop rioting between Hindus and Moslems, the Bengal Government announced tonight. One person was killed as a result of the firing.

According to the latest reports, five were killed and five injured in communal rioting during the day. The police have made 80 arrests during the last 24 hours. Reuter.

MAGIC BULLET AT LAST?

Baltimore, Apr. 12.

The Science Service reported today that three American doctors discovered that penicillin may be the long-sought "magic bullet" which not only cures syphilis but prevents it.

The drug works in rabbits and probably will work in man, but prudery against testing this disease on humans probably will delay definite proof for at least two years. The doctors believed that they could have an answer in three or four months if they are allowed to experiment on humans.—United Press.

King's Condition Serious

Copenhagen, Apr. 12.

King Christian tonight was "apathetic and almost unconscious" it was learned from the highest quarters.

The King's condition, it was stated, was "much aggravated with new symptoms in the lungs and an increased temperature."

All four doctors who have been treating the King were called to his bedside and the King has received penicillin treatment.

In spite of the announcement today that no bulletins would be issued until Monday, the Court-Marshal announced this evening: "The King is again feverish and fatigue is continuing."—Reuter.

A Prophet Is Not Without Honour.....

London, Apr. 12.

The Beveridge social security plan, parachuted into Belgium at midnight from a hedge-hopping RAF aircraft, was "one of the best weapons the movement had in their fight against the Germans," a leading member of the Belgian resistance movement said in an exclusive interview today.

"The plan designed by Lord (then Sir William) Beveridge, noted British sociologist, was the model for the security scheme now in operation in Belgium", he said.

"We heard about the Beveridge scheme over the B.B.C. in December, 1942. At that time two organisations of the Belgian resistance movement were studying postwar economic problems. One was led by Achille van Acker, former Prime Minister, and the other by Baron Snoy, now Director-General of Social Security in Belgium.

"As soon as they heard about the Beveridge plan, they sent a message in code to London, asking for the plan to be sent to Belgium as soon as possible. After a few weeks, the plan was parachuted to us. It served as the model for the security scheme which is in operation in Belgium now."

A Paradox

Baron Snoy said that Lord Beveridge himself only learned about the parachuting of his plan from peasant members of the resistance movement when he visited Belgium a few months ago.

Pierre Laroque, French Director of Social Security, said that the resistance movement in his country too studied the plan, which helped them to put their own national insurance scheme into effect.

Though a new social insurance scheme has been introduced by the British Government, containing some of the recommendations of the report, it is a paradox that the scheme on which most of the postwar security plans of European countries are based, is still waiting to be put into operation in the country in which it originated.—Reuter.

DIED DURING WALK

The Hague, Apr. 12.

Baron Willem de Vos van Steenwijk, Netherlands Minister of State since July 1, 1946, and former President of the Upper House, died here this afternoon at the age of 87. He had just recovered from a serious illness and was taking a walk when he collapsed. —Reuter.

General Von Mackensen In Bad Humour

Venice, Apr. 12.

The white-haired Colonel General Eberhard von Mackensen, who is under death sentence as a war criminal and now a witness for his former chief field marshal, Albert Kesselring, broke into a bitter argument with the court today over the truth of his statements and asked to be dismissed.

Von Mackensen's outburst brought a short recess in the trial. The court then decided, "In order to avoid any misunderstanding we will continue."

Von Mackensen had told how he and Lieut. Col. Herbert Kappler, former Nazi SS Commander in Italy, had "plotted" to carry out the Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 Italians without fulfilling Hitler's order for a 10 to one reprisal.

The British tribunal has tried to show Kesselring's responsibility for the slaughter but the Field Marshal has claimed that Kappler told him that all hostages would come from prisoners condemned to death or awaiting sentence and that no innocent persons were to be shot.

Von Mackensen said his conference with Kappler could be "considered as a plot directed not against the Marshal but against Hitler."

Worth Nothing

The Court President, Maj. Gen. Edmund Hakewell Smith, demanded that Von Mackensen swear to the statement, reminding him that he was a veteran Army officer sworn to fidelity to Hitler.

When Von Mackensen reiterated that he had plotted against Hitler, the President asked, "If you plotted against your supreme authority, against the Fuehrer, to whom you had sworn fidelity, how can you ask this court to believe what you say now? Is your word not worth the paper it is written on?"

The German officer angrily shouted, "I don't know what you mean by that. All I can say is that the court does not seem to have the least idea of what conflicts of conscience we were under between this inhuman request that came from the high command and the commands of heaven. I was condemned to death by the British Military Court and I am here as a witness for the Marshal. If this court does not believe my word, expel me since I cannot be of further use to the Marshal and I do not ignore my own situation."—United Press.

Permanent Commission For Balkans?

Geneva, Apr. 12.

The United States and the United Kingdom intend to recommend to the Security Council the setting up of a permanent frontier commission to watch future developments, sources close to the UNO Balkan Commission said today.

They considered such a solution necessary as the result of their investigations in the past few weeks and of evidence in their hands.

Russia is expected to oppose such a recommendation on grounds that the Security Council mandate to the Commission envisaged only an evidence report but these sources believed she would by implication suggest new elections in Greece and the withdrawal of foreign troops from Greece claiming their presence was responsible for the delicate frontier situation.

These sources said there is a large measure of disagreement between Commission members on the interpretation of available evidence and the forthcoming conclusions and there is clear indication of a split between East and West with Russia being supported by Poland. Consequently there is no chance of reaching an agreed report

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GENE TIERNEY'S LOCKS TO GO

Hollywood, Apr. 13.

Screen actress Gene Tierney has decided to cut her hair as soon as she completes her role in the film "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir."

Her plan might go unnoticed except for the fact that last year Cesar Bastianelli, coiffure consultant for the American hair design institute proclaimed her tresses "the most beautiful and vital in Hollywood" and the most adaptable and natural head of hair in the film city.

Miss Tierney has never dyed her hair, and she insists she never will. But, she adds; "With the exception of period pictures I've done, I have worn my hair in this long bob since I was a child, and its time I changed it."—Associated Press.

Britain's Rich Men Vanish

London, Apr. 13.

Britain's wealthiest group — those with net incomes after taxes of more than £6,000 a year, dropped from 7,000 individuals in 1939 to an exclusive 45 last year.

A Treasury White Paper published yesterday said that in the fiscal year 1945-1946 only 45 people had incomes, after deduction of taxes, of £6,000 and only 840 incomes of from £4,000 to £6,000.

This compared wih £7,000 and £9,000 in the upper income groups in the fiscal year 1938-1939.

To retain £6,000 after the heavy British taxes, a person must have a gross income of more than £50,000.

At the other end of the income scale, the White Paper showed, 7,950,000 had incomes after taxes last year of £150 to £250 compared with only 4,500,000 making that much in 1939. Of Britain's total of 14,000,000 taxpayers last year 13,175,000 had incomes after taxes of less than £500.—Associated Press.

Vyshinsky Dodges The Issue

Moscow, Apr. 12.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Vyshinsky, declared today that a "treaty without reparations" would be like a man without a heart" during a press conference about the German peace treaty discussions at the Foreign Ministers conference in Moscow.

Correspondents' questions centred mainly on reparations but did not produce any new Soviet opinions or forecasts. M. Vyshinsky either parried the questions or repeated known Soviet arguments.

When the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister said that Britain and the United States had obtained coal and steel as reparations from Germany, one correspondent cited the statement by Mr. Ernest Bevin that Britain had not received any coal from Germany in reparations, and that for every single ton of German coal exported, the money received had been used to buy imports for the British occupation zone.

He asked M. Vyshinsky whether he was aware of the statement and if so, what his motive was in making these charges.

M. Vyshinsky replied that there was a difference in the price paid by the British to Germany for coal that is charged to importers by the British authorities and that this question should be examined.

When the original question was repeated, he repeated the accusation, already made by M. Molotov in the Foreign Ministers' Council, that Britain and the United States had received invisible reparations from German patents.

M. Vyshinsky said that the Ruhr and Saar problems, while connected, "must be studied separately and together." Pressed on this point, he failed to give a clear-cut answer and left the correspondents uncertain whether Russia intended to make the Saar decision dependent upon the Soviet demand for four-power control of the Ruhr or not.—Reuter.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO RUSSIA

New York, April 13.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt broadcast to the Soviet Union her wishes today for "a speedy recovery from the terrific destruction you have suffered in the war" and expressed a hope that the Russian people "will reap the rewards you so heroically earned in our common struggle for victory over aggression."

The talk was recorded for a programme in commemoration of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on the State Department's regular transmission to Russia.—Associated Press.

Priests. Nuns Liberated

Paris, April 13.

French forces liberated 20 Catholic priests and nuns after driving Vietnamese forces from the vicinity of the Cathedral in Thai Binh, near the mouth of the Rouge river, dispatches from Indochina reported today.

A General Staff communique reported sharp fighting around the Cathedral and said the French took 25 Vietnamese prisoners.

Word came from Saigon meanwhile that the French High Commissioner, Emile Bollaert, was expected to wait until he returns to Paris late in May before announcing any important political decisions on the Indochinese situation.—Associated Press.

unless a miracle happened.

The United States and the United Kingdom have reason to count on support from the Latin American members of the Commission and from China, Syria and Belgium while France might take a different stand on different issues under discussion. — United Press.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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SATURDAY, 26th April, 1947.

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Through numbers (8 Races—$10) may be obtained at the offices of the Treasurers, 1st Floor Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep ($2.00) on the last race.

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The Treasurers' Comprador Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advanced from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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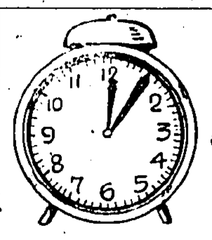

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J. JOLLY,
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Hongkong, 11th April, 1947.

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Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th April, 1947, to the 28th April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
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C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

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Every such driver shall permit the Police to take his finger prints if and whenever required by the Commissioner of Police.

79. A driver shall not drive a truck, cart or van from the rear unless the load is so disposed that it in no way obstructs his view.

80. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, a driver shall not drive a truck, cart or van at a speed in excess of four miles an hour. In the case of the grant of such permission the speed specified in the permit shall not be exceeded.

81. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, a driver shall not drive or place a truck, cart or van in any of the following roads:

Wyndham Street, Cochrane Street, Graham Street south of Stanley Street, Peel Street, Aberdeen Street, Hollywood Road between Po Yan Street and Queen's Road West, Eastern Street, Centre Street south of Queen's Road West and Western Street south of Des Voeux Road West.

82. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, a driver shall not drive or place a truck, cart or van in Ice House Street or Queen's Road Central between Queen Victoria Street and Murray Road between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

83. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, a driver shall not drive or place a truck in any of the following roads:

Albany Road, Aberdeen Street above Wellington Street, Arbuthnot Road, Babington Pathway, Battery Path, Castle Road, Cochrane Street, Centre Street, south of Queen's Road West, D'Aguilar Street, Elgin Street, Eastern Street south of Queen's Road, Tung Street, Garden Road, Graham Street, south of Stanley Street, Gutzlaff Street, Gap Road, Gage Street, Hill Road, Hospital Road, Ice House Street south of Queen's Road, Kennedy Road, Lyndhurst Terrace, Lower Albert Road, Magazine Gap Road, Mosque Street, Old Bailey Street, Peak Road, Peel Street, Pokfulam Road (between Bonham Road and Queen's Road), Park Road, Robinson Road Seymour Road) Shelly Street, Shing Wong Street, Square Street, St. Francis Yard, Staveley Street Upper Albert Road, Wing Fung Street, Western Street south of Des Voeux Road, Wyndham Street, Wellington Street, Sai Street and Zetland Street

84. Except as in this regulation provided, for every permit granted under regulation 81 or 83 the fee of $10.00 for the year, or part of the year, ending on the 31st December, during which such permit is in force, shall be payable by the holder: Provided that the fee for a special and temporary permit for a period not exceeding one month shall be $1.00 only.

151. A truck, cart or van or horse or bullock drawn vehicle shall be provided with an efficient brake in good working order. Any Police officer may at any time examine the brake of such vehicle and if in his opinion the brake is not efficient he may cause the vehicle to be taken to and detained at a Police Station.

155. The width of the face of the tyre of a truck, cart or van or horse or bullock drawn vehicle shall not be less than three inches and the diameter of the wheel shall be not less than fifteen inches. The Commissioner of Police may in his discretion prescribe a greater width of tyre or diameter of wheel, if the weight of the vehicle or of the load which it is designed to carry renders it in his opinion expedient to do so.

156. An applicant for a truck licence shall as a condition of the issue of such licence enter into a bond in the sum of $50.00 with one surety to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Police to ensure the attendance before the Commissioner of Police of the licensee or the driver of the truck, whenever required, and the payment of fines, compensation or damages imposed, awarded or recovered on, against or from the licensee or the driver of the truck.

157. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police and subject to such conditions as he may see fit to impose, a licensee of a truck shall not transfer his licence.

158. Except with the permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police, a truck shall not exceed six feet six inches in width between its extreme projecting points nor fourteen feet in total length, nor shall the load placed upon the truck exceed five feet in width or ten feet in length, nor shall a truck be driven which with the load, if any, exceeds one ton in weight. Such permits may be granted for any particular occasion or for any period not exceeding twelve months.

Owners of these vehicles are informed that a licence will only be granted in special cases provided the above Regulations are fully complied with and that the licensing fee of $48.00 per annum is paid.

D. As from 1st June, 1947, all owners and drivers of unlicensed hand trucks found operating on the roads of the Colony will be prosecuted by the Police Authorities.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, 29th March, 1947.

BY ORDER

Of The Director of Disposals
Far Eastern Area
(M.O.S.)

1. THE BRITISH STORES DISPOSAL BOARD (HONG KONG) is authorised to receive TENDERS for the following:—

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	Hallers for Lifeboat	3
	Breakers—Water—Wooden	10
Lot 2	Coal Baskets 2 cwt. & less	96
	Coal Baskets 4 cwt.	24
Lot 3	Bells Electric Alarm	10
	Fuses Lamps Elect.	4
	Lamps, floodlight flame proof	2
Lot 4	Asbestos blankets assid.	8
	Gloves (thumb) asbestos	181
	Hoods' asbestos	155
	Asbestos facee protectors	136
	Apparatus breathing	4
Lot 5	Cans water ½ gallon	6
	Cans water 1 gallon	6
	Boilers water or cooking	2
Lot 6	Chests ice large	1
Lot 7	Compasses lifeboat	5
	Lamps boat	5
Lot 8	Fans blowers starters 110 V	1
	Fans blowers starters 220 V	1
	Fans cabin electric 12" 220/240 V	47
Lot 9	Fans blowers electric	2
	Fans blowers electric	5
Lot 10	Lamps elect. BC100/120 V 25W	99
	Lamps elect. BC110 V 40W	9
	Lamps elect. BC100/120 V 60W	47
	Lamps elect. BC100 V 40/60W	388
	Lamps elect. BC200/250 V 25W	25
Lot 11	Oars boat under 14'	59
	Rowlocks steel	63
	Whistles for lifeboats	28
Lot 12	Pumps, motor fire unclassified	3
Lot 13	Switches ironclad, elec.	8
	Switches elec. assid.	57
Lot 14	Torches elec. 3 cell	16
	Torches elec. gnaproof 3 cell	41
	Torches elec. 2 cell	10
Lot 15	Shovels sq. mouth	6

LOCATED AT ENGINEERS STORES BASE DEPOT, CHATHAM ROAD, KOWLOON.

Lot 16	Shackles 5½ ton	36
Lot 17	Bitumen 55%	6,671 drums

LOCATED AT H.M. DOCKYARD, HONG KONG.

Lot 18	Binoculars	39 pairs

2. No warranty is given in any way as to quantity, condition etc., and lots will be bought as they lie.

3. Hours of Inspection:—Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon only.

4. Passes and Tender Forms may be obtained from the British Stores Disposal Board, Headquarters Land Forces, Victoria Barracks, (Entrance 50 yards west of Queen's Road Entrance to Barracks).

5. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packets and marked "Tender No. 12" and addressed to the Chairman.

6. Closing date for Tenders:—12 noon, Wednesday, 23rd April, 1947.

7. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong) does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

WALTER M. WEINBERGER,
Chairman,
British Stores Disposal Board, Hong Kong.

NOTICE

The dinner arranged at the suggestion of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council to afford the community an opportunity to pay a tribute to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, G.C.M.G. and Lady Young in view of their impending departure from the Colony will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Wednesday 7th May 1947 at 8 p.m.

It will be noted that the dinner is open to both ladies and gentlemen.

Any member of the community who desires to attend should apply to any one of the following on or before Monday, 28th April 1947:—

The Hon. Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E.,
Hongkong & Shanghai
Banking Corporation.

The Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau,
China Building.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada
e Castro,
Prince's Building.

Mr. D. Ruttonjee,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the twentieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Mezzanine Floor, Windsor House, on Tuesday, 15th April 1947 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report and Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st July 1941, and for the periods 1st August, 1941 to 31st December, 1941 and 1st October, 1945 to 31st July, 1946 and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.

J. D. THOMSON
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

NOTICE

CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

REDUCTION OF CHARGES.

The charges for current will be reduced as from the 1st May, 1947:—

Lighting:— from 71.28 cents to 64 cents per unit

Power :— from 27.72 cents to 25 cens per unit

In respect of lighting and power supplies in the New Territories, proportionate reductions will be made and the new rates will be charged for current consumed during the month of May, 1947.

Bulk supply consumers are being notified direct of the decrease affecting their Agreements with this Company for the supply of current.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,

P. W. A. Wood.
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1947.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th April 1947 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 17th April 1947.

By Order,

C. B. Brown
Secretary.

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DE GAULLE EXPECTS NEW FRENCH CRISIS

Paris, Apr. 12.

General Charles de Gaulle's new organisation — the Rassemblement de Peuple—will be officially launched next week when the General will communicate a statement to the press.

The final touches were put to the statutes of the new association, which is not a political body, on Thursday and Friday, when the General came to Paris to consult some leading politicians on the subject.

The politicians included two members of the present Government, the Popular Republican Minister of War, M. Paul Coste Floret, and the Socialist Minister of Industrial Production, M. Robert Lacoste.

General de Gaulle also saw many representatives of the other parties—except the Communists and the extreme right wing party of Republican Liberty.

The new association will, it is understood, be presided over by General de Gaulle himself who will have as his chief aide M. Jacques Boutelle, at one time Minister of Information.

Another former Minister of Information, the well-known author M. Andre Malraux, will also be one of the leaders of the Rassemblement du Peuple Francais. It will have headquarters in Paris.

Four Notions

The idea seems to be to constitute in every county in France a committee of men and women who will use ordinary means of propaganda and persuasion to create a movement of public opinion among what may be called non-party electors in favour of the de Gaulle programme as set out in his Strasbourg speech on Easter Monday.

This programme involved four basic notions:

1. Strengthening of Parliamentary Government by reform of the constitution giving the executive greater measure of independence vis-a-vis Parliament.

2. An active progressive policy throughout the Empire, safeguarding the metropolis in matters of national defence.

3. Closer cooperation with the United States and Great Britain in matters of foreign policy.

4. Cooperation between capital and labour at home.

Crisis Expected

The Gaullists count on being able in due course to appeal to about twothirds of the electors —those 8,000,000 who, on the advice of General de Gaulle, voted against the constitution last October and another 8,000,000 who abstained from voting altogether.

A crisis inside Parliament which might provide an opportunity for a new de Gaulle Government is expected by the Gaullists in the summer or early autumn as a result of increasing difficulties at home and in the French empire, over which the Communists are expected to clash with their colleagues in the present Cabinet.

Next October's municipal elections in France will provide the first practical test of the appeal of the Gaullist programme. —Reuter.

Active Role

Paris, April 12.

General Charles de Gaulle, would-be leader of a new movement of political reform, was expected to announce officially the formation of his "Union of the French People" early next week.

De Gaulle, who last Monday in a speech at Strasbourg sharply criticized the constitution and the present political setup in France, spent several hours in Paris yesterday and talked lengthily with several political figures.

Despite his earlier reluctance to play an active political role it now appeared nearly certain that the General would become the active head of the RPF (Rassemblement Du Peuple Francais).

It was believed that de Gaulle finally gave in to his advisors who argued that they needed the man who conceived the party at its head and not someone whose name has less pulling power.

If de Gaulle does become its active head it will mean he will at last abandon his role of always remaining "above politics."

De Gaulle goes to Bordeaux on April 21 to unveil a plaque in memory of the late Negro governor, General Felix Eboue, who was one of his main supporters in Africa during the war.

Forcing Reforms

On that occasion he is expected to make an important speech concerning the RPF organization.

During his stay in Paris yesterday he was reported to have talked with politicians of nearly every party, except the Communist and the extreme Right-wing PRL.

Persons close to de Gaulle repeat with insistence, however, that he does not wish to form a new party as such or even a political league.

They maintain that his aim is to "create a current of opinion" which will demand politicians now in power to carry out reforms he deems necessary to create a strong France.

After yesterday's consultations de Gaulle returned to his country estate at Colombey les Deux Eglises.—United Press.

ATTACK ON GARRISON

Paris, April 13.

A French garrison at Andapa in Northern Madagascar has been surrounded and is being attacked by insurgents, a French dispatch reported on the 13th day of the rebellion which has cost scores of lives.

Andapa, 350 miles north of Tananarive, the island capital, was attacked by rebels who took advantage of bad flying weather to concentrate their forces while French reconnaissance planes were grounded.

The planes were dispatched from Antalaha on the sea coast to deliver food and ammunition to the beleaguered garrison.—Associated Press.

AXE AT WORK

Paris, April 12.

The French Government's "axe committee" under Premier Paul Ramadier today completed its task of discharging 50,000 civil servants by dismissing more than 20,000 employees of the Ministries of Air, Navy, National Defence and Interior.—Reuter.

ATOMIC SUB. FORECAST

New London, Conn. Apr. 12.

Atomic driven submarines capable of cruising for unlimited distances were forecast by Rear-Adm. John Wilkes, commander of undersea craft in the Atlantic.

Adm. Wilkes said, "Nuclear energy will supply necessary power for high submerged speeds and eliminate problems of exhaust gas. Weight and space saved in fuel storage will be utilised for carrying planes and bombs and rockets with atomic warheads."

He also predicted the development of a new type of submarine for carrying troops and cargo.—United Press.

Attack On Malaria In Africa

Mombasa, Apr. 12.

Greatly improved prospects of both eliminating malaria from Mombasa Island and of saving the annual toll, estimated at £250,000 through weevils attacking Kenya's grain stocks, are believed to exist by Mr. G. J. Laing of Nairobi.

He has recently been conducting officially sponsored experiments with gammaxene, using the new Kenya-produced base called bentonite.

Mr. Laing told Reuter: "I am in Mombasa negotiating with Dr. C. W. Davies in the hope that it may prove possible to free the island from Malaria mosquitoes within two years."

He said that the question was largely one of cost of repetitive campaigns as mosquitoes fly over from the uncontrolled mainland.

Mr. Laing's firm is now engaged in treating with gammaxene one million bags of maize. Pending tests, in which the British Ministry of Food is directly interested, the bags have been treated on the outside only but if interior treating proves safe, Mr. Laing claims the virtual total elimination of weevil penetration.—Reuter.

Mountbatten Making Little Headway

New Delhi, Apr. 12.

Mahatma Gandhi had lengthy last-minute talks with the All-India Congress High Command before leaving tonight for Patna, Bihar Province, after his six talks in 12 days here with the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten.

He told his prayer meeting that he left "with the good wishes of the Viceroy" with whom he had a two-hour interview earlier today.

Informed quarters close to Congress leaders said tonight that "Congress has made up its mind" on the constitutional question.

No further meetings have so far been arranged between Lord Mountbatten and Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the Moslem League, who has already seen the Viceroy six times to explain the Moslem League's stand on constitutional matters.

The net result of the intensive political parleys of the past fortnight is that Lord Mountbatten is now familiar with the respective stands of Congress and the Moslem League but it is generally conceded that little fresh ground has been covered.

Lord Mountbatten's endeavours to get the Moslem League into the Constituent Assembly have, according to informed quarters, made very little headway.

In spite of difficulties encountered, it is believed that Lord Mountbatten is eager to continue his task of exploring ways and means of solving the deadlock between Congress and the Moslem League over the constitutional issue with the least possible delay.—Reuter.

Truman's Tribute To Roosevelt

Hyde Park, N.Y., Apr. 12.

President Truman today paid tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt as "a great humanitarian who brought hope and courage to despairing hearts when fear was destroying the faith of the people."

At the same time, on the second anniversary of the late President's death, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, through Henry Morgenthau Jr., announced a living memorial to him in the form of international scholarships, which will enable students from all parts of the world to live and study in America to "get to know our people, understand our ways of life and carry this knowledge back when they return to their native lands."

President Truman, Morgenthau and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke on a national radio programme commemorating the death of Roosevelt.

The widow said the Roosevelt scholarships will "fulfill one of the aims very dear to my husband's heart. I am sure that he felt we needed education in the art of living together."—United Press.

A Creator

Vienna, April 12.

Chancellor Leopold Figl and the entire Austrian Cabinet today commemorated the second anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death during a reception of the Austro-American Society.

Figl called the late president the "creator of a new world and a torchlight bearer during history's most obscure phase." —United Press.

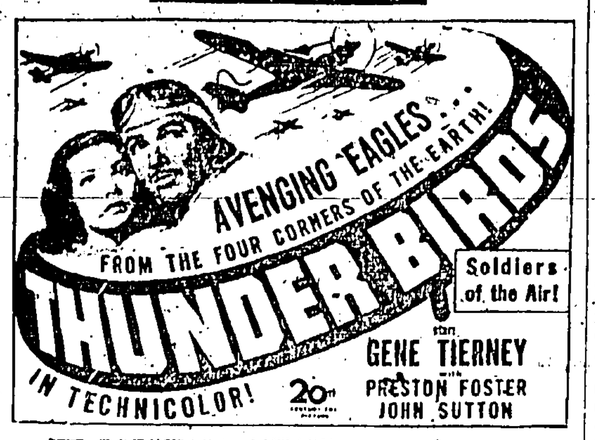
OUTBREAK IN AMRITSAR

Amristar, April 13.

A stabbing and a case of arson were reported in this holy city of the Sikhs today in the aftermath of a renewed outbreak of the religious rioting Friday that killed 20 and injured 64.

The rioters set fire to 30 buildings during Friday's disturbances. Military and police patrolled the city which is under a strict curfew until Sunday morning. — Associated Press.

SHOWING TO-DAY QUEEN'S At 2.30; 5.15; 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.



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ANOTHER DEADLOCK OVER INTERNATIONAL POLICE

Lake Success, N.Y. Apr. 13.

Several important points of disagreement remain today, as the highly secret military staff committee of the United Nations, charged with organizing an international police force, presents its report to the Security Council.

Sources, considered as extremely reliable, said the Committee of admirals and generals from the five major powers would take a formal vote on the entire report just before passing it to the Security Council on April 30.

On the basis of the present situation, these sources said, the vote would be 4-1 with Russia in the minority.

Regardless of the actual vote the Soviet Union stands opposed to the majority on two major points with little chance sighted for breaking the deadlock in the Committee.

These points were understood to be:

1—Russia insists all forces drafted into a global army should be sent back to their home countries immediately upon dissipation of a threat to peace. Other nations contend such forces may come from bases outside home territory and should not be forced to go all the way home.

2—Russia wants the Big Five to earmark "equal" contingents for the global army. Under the plan all the five would furnish identical numbers of battleships, bombers and soldiers.

Equal Basis

Other nations on the Committee were said to insist on "equivalent" contributions; whereby one country might provide more planes and less soldiers.

Under the Russian proposal, with the coming into effect of the world wide arms reduction, no nation would for instance have more bombers than the Soviet Union. In other words, every country would have to build its forces on an equal basis with all other nations and this would work to a marked disadvantage of some in geographic positions such as Britain, which naturally needs a larger navy.

The members are still hopeful of clearing away several other stumbling blocks in the final two weeks of their deliberations, including questions of equipping world forces and their command.

Leadership

One view was said to be that all countries' contributing forces should send them to the UNO fully equipped with standard weapons, but China and France were represented as objecting on grounds they were short of materials.

As to leadership the world contingents either will have to go into action under various national commanders or the council itself will have to name an international head for every operation.

The United States and Russia were reported to be in agreement on the first alternative.

Reliable sources said the report would contain no recommendations as to the actual number of troops, ships or planes any one country should contribute.

After stalling through nearly a year without any marked progress, principally because of a six-month Russian delay in submitting proposals, the Military Committee has increased its tempo in the past few months and has been speeding through a tentative draft, paragraph by paragraph.

Security First

No formal votes are being taken, but reservations and objections, most of them by the Russians, are being recorded.

A sub-committee has been meeting daily with a full group. Bringing the Committee's work into open debate in the council the first report was expected to clear the air around parts of the disarming programme.

America, Britain and others have insisted that the countries must have security before laying down their arms as an important step in that direction.

However, persons close to the Committee said the world would be very disappointed if it expected anything approaching concrete plans from the Military Committee report.

Regardless of this fact, it is believed the Council discussions might clear away some barriers of suspicion, simply political implications and smooth the way toward a more rapid organisation of a world police force.—Associated Press.

Japanese Destroyers Ready For Handing Over

New York, Apr. 11.

The British, Russian and Chinese Governments have been informed by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, that 140 Japanese fighting vessels of destroyer tonnage are ready for handing over under the terms of the Moscow Declaration of 1945 Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, announced tonight.

Under the Moscow Declaration the destroyers and smaller ships were to be divided equally among the four powers.

"On February 24, 1947, 239 Japanese combatant vessels of destroyer tonnage or less were operable or could be made operable within a period of sixty days," Mr. Acheson's statement said.

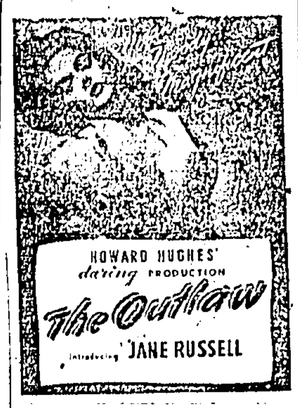
"General MacArthur has stated that these 140 are now ready for delivery. It is intended that equal division of the ships available for delivery will be accomplished by the drawing of equivalent lots in Tokyo."

The statement added that Japanese crews would be provided for the vessels.

The scrapping of larger vessels of the Japanese fleet was "proceeding according to plan," it was disclosed.—Reuter.

Little Rock, Arkansas, Apr. 11.

General Jonathan Wainwright said in an Army Day address that nobody can foresee the outcome of the present international bickering but "we must make all possible provision to safeguard the security of our nation."—United Press.



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A POET, BY MASEFIELD

London, Apr. 12.

England's poet Laureate John Masefield has his own definition of a poet.

Poets, Masefield said in opening an English poetry exhibition, "are men of an unaccustomed turn." They write, he said, "from some overwhelming sense of the beauty, the mystery and the glory of life."—Associated Press.

Hollywood Signs Up British Star

Hollywood, April 12.

Michael Redgrave, the British screen star who arrived a few weeks ago for his first American film role in "The Secret Behind The Door," has now been signed by RKO Radio Studios for the part of Orin Mannon in "Mourning Becomes Electra," screen version of the Eugene O'Neill play.

Redgrave was borrowed by Diana Productions from J. Arthur Rank for "The Secret Behind The Door," and was to have returned to England upon completion of that picture, but a further loan of his services was obtained.

Leo Genn, another British actor, who portrayed the Constable of France in the English picture "Henry V" likewise has been cast in "Mourning Becomes Electra." He will play Captain Brant, the part for which James Mason originally was sought.

Dudley Nichols, who will produce "Electra," has negotiated Genn's release from the Lillian Hellman drama, "Another Part Of The Forest," now playing in New York.—Associated Press.

MacArthur's Report On Korea

(By Earnest Hobercecht)

Tokyo, Apr. 13.

Hot on the heels of General George Marshall's "Moscow bombshell" blaming Russia for the economic distress in Korea, General Douglas MacArthur says in his latest report on the Korean situation, released today, that American delegates to the United States-Soviet Joint Commission are holding themselves available at Seoul "ready and willing to participate in discussions" to better the situation there.

MacArthur's newest report stresses, however, that these discussions on "pertinent matters" regarding Korea must be conducted "on the basis already set forth" by the American commanding general.

The exact conditions set forth by the Americans were not revealed in this report which covered military Government activities in December. The previous MacArthur report revealed that Lieut. Gen. John R. Hodge, American commanding general in Korea, had made it plain to the Russians that the Americans firmly believe in allowing Koreans freedom of expression concerning establishment of their own provisional Government.

In Moscow, Marshall pointed out that the Soviet commander in northern Korea insisted upon a formula which would result in elimination of the majority of representative Korean leaders from consultations on formation of a provisional Government.

Step Forward

It revealed that American officials in Korea had made repeated attempts to reconvene the Commission as Marshall is now requesting in Moscow.

The report also said that with the opening of the interim legislative assembly, the people of South Korea have made their "greatest step forward in democratic processes of self-rule." Progress has been made in public health and welfare. It said the cost of living differential remained unchanged and that in Seoul the wholesale price indexes declined in food because of the previous harvest.

Minor Disorders

It said the shortages of raw materials and spare parts together with the lack of skilled labour and labour strife continued to retard industrial growth.

It said there were isolated disorders in South Korea during December but they were minor in nature and almost completely without violence. It said a few weapons were confiscated from individuals.

There were no major labour disturbances in the period covered by the report.—United Press.

Brussels, Apr. 11.

One of Belgium's foremost chemical plants, said to be working specially for the United States, has been delving into the possibility of using a new chemical described as "acide follique", and another described as "eparine", as a remedy for atomic burns, it was disclosed here today.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

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1.15 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
1.30 p.m.—Lily Pons (Soprano) and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Variety.
7.00 p.m.—Music, Time.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like". Presented by Elsa Talbot.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: "Health Week"—Opening Address by Dr. K.C. Yeo, Deputy Director of Health Service.
8.20 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Songs of the West Country". English Country Songs by the B.B.C. Chorus, conducted by Leslie Woodgate, with Frederick Harvey (Baritone).
8.40 p.m.—Beethoven's Variations in C Flat Major "The Eroica". Jill Kraus, Piano Solo.
9.00 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "Have You Read . . . ?"—"Lavengro" by Pemelope Knox, from Biography of George Borrow.
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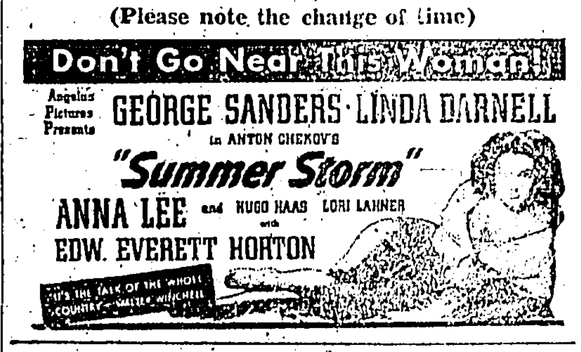

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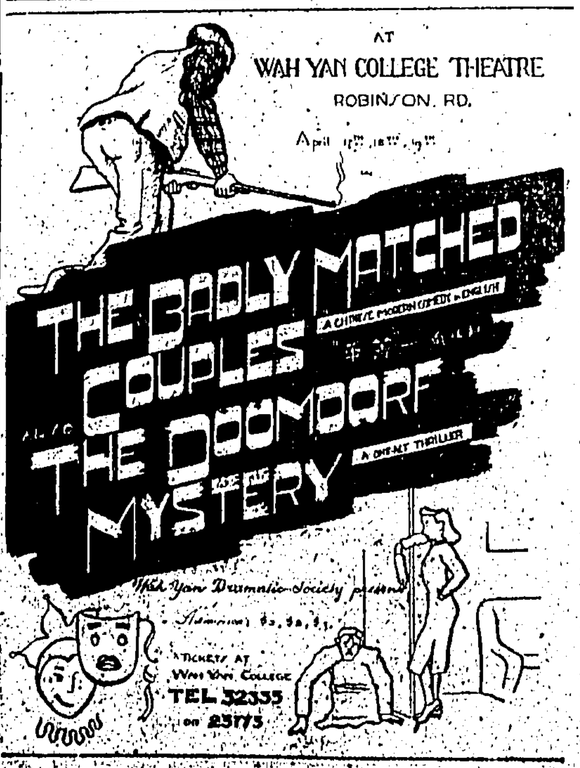

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NEW GEOGRAPHY

It is sad commentary upon human nature that, while nearly all thinking men and women pay lip service to the ideal of one world, the only sense in which governments are thinking of this ideal is military rather than political. The increased ranges of aircraft and, still more, of guided missiles capable of delivering atom bombs have revolutionized world geography. Despite "Operation Muskox" conducted by the United States Army in Canada, despite Russian attempts to obtain military bases in Spitzbergen, and despite Adm. Richard E. Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic, there are few people who have yet really taken in the new and compelling facts of global strategy. If modern school teachers are to be worthy of their responsibilities, they will banish the map and introduce the globe. And they will concentrate the attention of their pupils on the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

The invasion routes of the next world war will certainly be over the North Pole, which is the closest meeting point of the Asiatic, European and American continents. But the interest of the great powers in the South Pole is scarcely less than their interest in the North Pole. Strategically, the Antarctic is less important, but there is good reason to believe that vast deposits of uranium exist in these desolate regions. Hence the British technical annexation, ten years before World War II, of large areas in the Antarctic hence, too, the American expedition under Adm. Byrd.

The fundamental facts of geography, and hence of power politics, are changing before our eyes. And it is hard to see how events will eventually crystallize.

It would seem, however, safe to say that the British Empire and the United States, unless they muff their opportunities, will emerge in the course of the next ten years as the two overwhelmingly dominant world powers. They have geography, tradition and technical skill on their side. So long as their political thought can keep abreast of their many advantages, they ought to be able to steer their way through the cataclysmic age ushered in by the atom bomb. It would be absurd if any rivalry were to develop between Britain and the United States in the polar regions. If they were to go to war against each other, it would be the end of the world. But of all the many nightmares which haunt the mind of man, this is perhaps the only one that can be definitely excluded. And even if the British and Americans were to be at war, that war would not be fought across the Poles. There is only one potentially aggressive power in the world today—that is Soviet Russia. If Russia were to attack either Britain or the United States, it would be deadly for both. It therefore follows that British and American interests are identical, and the world may rest assured that the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington are fully capable of accepting this fact and establishing a joint policy.

100 Years Ago Today

(Excerpts from the files of the "China Mail" of April 14, 1847).

Public Auction. For an annual rental of $35, "a portion of an inland lot, measuring 70 square feet" and containing "3 good bungalows and outhouses thereon," was offered. "The site is elevated and most healthy, and has a delightful view of the bay below."

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"The wanton, barbarous half atoned-for murder of six Englishmen will lend to war between England and China.

"We have no desire to re-open the discussion on our first war or to animadvert on the leading question which led to it; it is sufficient for us to know that if war is unavoidable, ours will be one of justice and humanity."

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H.M. steam vessel "Fury" arrived on Sunday afternoon and a rather important mail was landed at the post office. The acting post master was in church and his devotions were only not disturbed by the inability of the messenger sent for him to get admission. After service the mail was deposited in the office for delivery next morning. Some unreasonable individuals, ourselves inclusive, were of the opinion it ought to be delivered immediately, and called to make enquiries on this subject, disturbing the post master, who was quietly enjoying dinner. If we understand Mr. Crakenthrop aright, he claims public sympathy for—

1st—an unsuccessful attempt to disturb his devotions that he might receive important mail and—

2nd—That his privacy was intruded upon to receive two Parsees and a newspaper proprietor clamorous after letters and papers.

HONG KONG'S FIRST HEALTH WEEK

"Good morning! How are you?" Second only, if indeed it be second, to "Nice day" or its opposite, as a salutation in the English language, an enquiry about health. To be sure the enquirer is not often seriously concerned in finding out the actual state of the enquiree's health, but at least it would seem to show that health plays an important part in one's life, important enough to become generally accepted as a standard of polite conversation and greeting.

In the good old days the accepted standards of health were negative, the absence or lessening of actual symptoms of disease, just as feminine beauty was once judged to be the absence of pockmarks.

Of latter years however new standards of health have come to be accepted, a positive sense of well being, power and contentment, an easy poise of mind and body born of knowing one controls a smoothly working machine with plenty of reserve power in perfect condition and fit to cope with life with a smile. That is a great deal more than the absence of a cold in the head or the soothing effect of an aspirin. To know it one must have both a perfectly fit body and a well exercised balanced mind.

Fresh Start

Much modern thought has been given towards finding the best way of getting that way and all modern Health Authorities who take their work at all seriously consider it their duty, not only to try to prevent sickness, but also to show people how to gain real health. This is done in many ways, lectures, demonstrations, experiments, slogans, posters, cinema films, exercises and training schools and so on. It forms a very important part of Health work in England today as in many other countries.

The local Health Department is not unaware of this side of their responsibilities but, because of pressure of much more elementary work such as trying to get the streets clean and stopping serious epidemics, they have not yet had much time to give as much attention as they would like to the teaching side of their work since the re-occupation. It may be recalled by some however, that just before the war work had already begun along these lines. This week the Health Department is making a fresh start.

Simple Conditions

Before anyone can hope to gain real health there are one or two simple conditions that must be observed.

The body, like any other delicate and complicated machine, needs to be kept clean, properly ventilated, wisely used in and regularly "serviced," repaired, replacements and overhauling. It needs regular cleaning both outwardly and inwardly. It needs fresh air and sunlight. It needs enough of the proper kind of fuel and oil and in the correct mixture.

Now these conditions cannot be got in a dirty dark overcrowded tenement without sanitation or even a bathroom, on an inadequate income, exhausting work or boredom or not knowing what is enough and proper food. Human beings can EXIST under the most unsuitable conditions as many of us found of recent years, but not for long and enjoy full and perfect health as we also found.

Yet hundreds of thousands of people are living under just such dirty, unsatisfactory conditions as described in Hong Kong today. They may feel reasonably well—that is not actually sick, and still able to work—most of the time, but they do not and cannot know real health all of the time.

To correct these things is going to be a long and hard job. To educate people up to the point where they insist on getting a chance to live healthily is a much more difficult and complicated task than might be supposed. It is almost as difficult to explain what real health is to one who has never known anything but half health, as to explain light to a man born blind.

To begin with, our efforts must be directed towards showing the relation between certain glaring abuses and sickness. Most people are willing to try and avoid actual sickness if anyone can only show them that he knows how.

This week an attempt will be made to point out the relation between dirty habits and the spread of certain ills. Filth breeds flies and feeds rats and rats and flies spread many sicknesses. By public address loudspeaking vans, cinema vans, radio broadcasts, the press, posters and advertising, the Health Department this week will try to bring these points home to every class of the community. It is only a beginning and rather a crude beginning, but it *is* a beginning.

America Reluctant But Determined

There is every reason to believe that President Truman's appeal for financial and military aid to Greece and Turkey will be met. America's mood towards the Soviet today is sombre and reluctant but also calm and determined.

As I looked down on the joint session of Congress from the Press Gallery over President Truman's head when he delivered his speech in his flat, uninspired voice, I was impressed by a circumstance which I have never before seen in a quarter of a century's experience. Senators and Representatives sat in a sort of awed silence, in which partisan enthusiasm or emotional nationalism were both absent. The scene represented the national mood.

Lesser Evil

America sees itself taking the lesser of two grave evils in the belief that the better chance of peace lies in showing strength rather than weakness. The blunt fact is that over the past year and a half the nation has passed from friendliness to such distrust of the Soviet that it now doubts her good faith and also its own ability to make the Kremlin understand by normal means the depth of its resentment.

President Truman's brutally frank and undiplomatic statement expressed this feeling. The average American dreams of General Marshall at Moscow having a blunt talk with Marshal Stalin — a conversation which indeed might conceivably clear the international atmosphere.

Despite the terrifying candour of Mr. Truman's address, there is reason to doubt whether America has embarked on a course of imperialism, at least in any sense yet known to the world. Never has a big Power launched a foreign venture more reluctantly.

Bomb A Failure

The United States' goal is not to impose democracy by the imposition of a Communist regime. Greek Monarchists also might as well face frankly the fact that every schoolboy here is conditioned against kings by America's George III complex.

America is going through the rude and humiliating discovery that it overestimated the value of the atomic bomb for defence and under estimated Europe's post-war weakness, particularly Britain's. The Greek crisis exposes failure of the bomb, in which many Americans reposed a sort of mystical faith, to meet such a situation.

It can be stated that the military here are not worried by any direct Soviet move in Greece, but by Communist infiltration. But the bomb cannot stop the idea; only another idea can do that.

America now also realises that it wrongly appraised British difficulties. If it had correctly estimated those difficulties Lend-Lease might still have continued, and the terms of the Loan might have been much more generous. Also, earlier aid might have been given to Greece on a scale likely to lift her economic life above the danger of Communist penetration. Now the United States is forced to expand the Monroe Doctrine right to the frontiers of Russian influence.—Special.

Scotland Yard On The Job

Scotland Yard detectives attached to the British Treasury and high ranking officers of the French finance squad have together laid provisional plans to cast the biggest net in history over currency operators who, during the last two years, have cost the British taxpayer £10,000,000 and the French taxpayer £30,000,000.

The first purpose of these plans will be to prevent a recurrence this summer of the black market deals in which thousands of British visitors to Paris, the Riviera and Switzerland engaged last year in order to exceed the purchasing limit of £75 imposed on them by Whitehall regulations.

At the same time the plans include measures for bringing to justice not only wealthy culprits who have exchanged cheques worth thousands of pounds for twice the official rate in francs, but also the "small fry," whose sale of home cheques, traveller's cheques and £1 notes at between 700 and 800 francs has encouraged in France a "black bourse" employing hundreds of touts and middlemen.

On the British side of the Channel records will be checked of visitors to France by transmitting their passport numbers to Scotland Yard officers working for the Treasury. The amount of money taken by each visitor will be checked, his expenditure watched in France, and during the following months his bank account will be scrutinised. Any cheque made out in favour of doubtful recipients will be investigated.

The French are even more anxious than the British to end the traffic, because its effects on French economic stability have been far reaching. The flight of French capital to England last year was so large that it undermined confidence in the Constitution.—(Kemsley News).

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"De very least youse guys could do is boo de decision!"

Legendary Fakir Has A Worry

The legendary Faqir of Ipi—the most powerful outlaw and romantic figure in Waziristan, and Britain's most implacable enemy,—is deeply worried by the impending departure of the British from India.

The Faqir has a vested interest in maintaining Waziristan in a state of "manageable turbulence." He has hitherto calculated to a nicety just how much guerrilla warfare was necessary to preserve Waziristan's freedom by preventing the British from gradually occupying and civilising it while at the same time not overgoing it, so that the tribes continue to receive subsidies from the British for refraining from raiding settled districts.

Great Influence

The Ipi has periodically received large sums from the Congress Party, from the Germans and from the Italians to create trouble for the British. But he has supreme contempt for his would-be bribers; he has taken their money and used it for his own ends.

As a religious leader he also collects "Zakhat"—tithes—from the tribes. His wealth has enabled him to equip and finance professional hostile gangs with which he harries the British with discretion and imposes his will ruthlessly on any chieftain rash enough to refuse him "Zakhat" or to help the British with unseemly favour.

So great is his influence that, although the tribes receive British pay to arrest hostile gangs passing through their areas, the utmost that they do to the Ipi's gangs is to urge them to move on.

Supports Moslems

Only recently Khassadar Subedar Darin of the Manzar Khal tribe who tried to preserve peace in his area too efficiently for the Ipi's liking and who refused the Ipi's "Zakhat," found his village stormed and shelled and he was murdered.

The Faqir is therefore opposed to the Congress Party ideal of smiling Waziristan valleys dotted with cottage industries within an united India. His sympathies are with the Moslem League; he is ready to help them in a holy war against the Hindus but he does not wish Pakistan to control Waziristan.

The Faqir would do a deal with either Congress or the League if they would allow him to continue as uncrowned king of Waziristan, keeping his independence and causing enough trouble to ensure that a settled India treated him with respect and kept at arm's length from tribal territory.

Ready To Die

On Britain's departure the tribes will lose their subsidies; this means less "Zakhat" for the Ipi; the only way he can recoup his pocket while maintaining Waziristan independence is to substitute organized plundering raids for the "managed turbulence" which hitherto kept everyone happy.

Nor will Hindustan or Pakistan find the Faqir easier to quell than did the British. There is not one of Waziristan's fanatical 100,000 clansmen but feels honoured to feed and shelter him and go straight to "Jinnat" (Heaven) by dying for him as a Ghazi (Holy Warrior).—(Kemsley News).

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

FINESSES NOT EQUAL

Offhand, the average player would say that if a contract depends on the winning of a single finesse, and there are two he can try, one is just about good a gamble as the other. Or he might even grant you that a secondround finesse against a queen is better than a first-round finesse against a king, because in the meantime he may possibly drop a singleton queen. But there are still other considerations. One of those finesses may be from a series of cards just below the outstanding honor, so that if it loses, the rest of the tricks are set up, whereas the other finesse leaves you nothing established if it fails.

	S. A 8 7 H. A 3 D. A C. A K Q 10 9 5 3	
S. K 3 H. Q 10 8 5 4 D. J 9 3 C. J 4 2	N W E S	S. 5 4 2 H. 9 7 6 D. Q 8 7 6 4 C. 7 6
	S. Q J 10 9 6 H. K J 2 D. K 10 5 2 C. 8	

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 C	Pass	2 S
Pass	3 C	Pass	3 D
Pass	4 C	Pass	4 S
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 C
Pass	6 NT	Pass	6 H
Pass	7 NT		

After East led his diamond 6, North counted 12 immediate tricks, and saw that he could get the 13th with a finesse in either hearts or spades. He decided to stake everything on the heart finesse because that had one slight advantage over the other—he could first play the A and thus have the slight extra chance of dropping a singleton Q. When that didn't work on the second trick, he finessed the J, which lost to the Q, setting him. And he still had to try the spade finesse in order to avoid going down another trick.

When South pointed out to him after the hand that he should have favored the spade finesse rather than the heart, North accused him of "second guessing." The South indicated to him the several advantages of the spade finesse over the heart. First of all, West was more likely to have a singleton honor in spades than hearts, since North-South had so many more cards. Second, if the spade finesse failed, there was no chance at all of going down two, due to intermediates. Neither spoke of how a squeeze could have been worked if either defender had both missing major honors.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S. K 10 9 8 H. Q 10 9 4 3 D. A C. K 10 4	
S. Q J H. J 2 D. Q 7 6 4 3 C. Q 9 8 3	N W E S	S. A 7 5 4 2 H. 8 D. K 10 8 5 C. A 6 2
	S. 6 3 H. A K 7 6 5 D. J 9 2 C. J 7 5	

(Dealer: West Neither side vulnerable.)

If North bids 1-Heart, East 1-Spade, South 2-Hearts, North 3-Hearts, East 4-Diamonds and South 4-Hearts, what should West do?

Egypt Ready To Talk

The Egyptian Government has finally abandoned any pretence of taking its dispute with Britain over the Sudan to the United Nations, and the Premier, Nokrashy Pasha, is ready to resume negotiations with Britain on the basis of the terms offered by Mr. Bevin last autumn.

This is the interpretation placed, by well-informed observers on the Egyptian Senate's rejection of a motion by the Opposition urging the unity of Egypt and the Sudan; immediate evacuation of both countries by British forces; and the refusal of any military alliance with Britain.

I understand that the Arab League will sponsor a proposal for mediation by the Levant States—Syria and the Lebanon. King Farouk himself is known to desire a treaty, although since his ineffectual attempt last summer to hasten a settlement, he is fearful of finding himself once again at loggerheads with political leaders upon whose support he is leaning more and more.—(Kemsley News).

COLOSSAL RACKET UNEARTHED

Black Market Currency Deals On Continent

"Brains" Of Gang In Hospital

Paris, Apr. 12.

A high French police official tonight estimated the turnover of alleged black market currency deals in Egyptian pounds by the organisation headed by Max Intrator (Black Max), now under interrogation at the Sante (Fresnes) prison here, and his associate Carol Bitter, at 75,000,000 gold francs a month.

At the legal rate of exchange — 750.60 French francs to one gold franc — this would be £113,000,000.

Intrator declared through his lawyer today that newspaper reports of his profits were "exaggerated."

Bitter, described by a police official as the "brains" of Intrator's international currency organisation, is in a Paris nursing home pending further police investigation.

The probe on the currency deals arose through Egyptians visiting France depositing Egyptian pounds in Cairo which were changed first into United States dollars and then into Swiss francs (transferred to Bitter's account in Geneva, the police official said). The Swiss francs were then sold on the black market, it is alleged.

Huge Turnover

"This complicated operation proved more profitable than changing Egyptian pounds directly into Swiss francs," the police official added. "The turnover of this business amounted to 75,000,000 gold francs a month."

The official stated that the French police did not believe that Intrator or Bitter were interested in financing the Irgun Zvai Leumi (Jewish terrorist organisation) or the Haganah underground army in Palestine.

"They may have handled some exchange operations for Palestine agents in the normal course of business, but we do not think they had any political objectives," he alleged. "They were simply in the black market currency business in a big way."

This substantiated Intrator's own denial, in his statement today from prison, in which he declared that "such charges are purely imaginary."

List Of Clients

The Intrator-Bitter combine's chief business was contracted with Egyptian interests, the police official added. Six persons have so far been arrested in connection with the affair.

Apart from Intrator, who is in a cell in Fresnes prison here, and Bitter, the following are under arrest: Elda Carmond (47), no nationality; Frederico Nemlich (49), naturalised citizen of Panama born in Poland; Alie Dana, Lebanese citizen; and, Stefan Wyder (Rumanian).

Police said that the list of clients found in a flat enabled them to interrogate 150 persons and seize 27,000,000 francs' worth of Egyptian share certificates and foreign currency.—Reuter.

Multi-Millionaire

The police of Britain and France today pressed their search for missing facts and figures in the multi-million dollar money smuggling ring which prawled over three continents and paralled the "rum running" racket of 1920's.

Several top men of what the French police believe may prove to be one huge widespread money juggling and smuggling gang were already under arrest. From their examination the police had constructed an outline of the new racket but some of the most important facts on the operation of the machine and "linkmen" in the puzzle were missing.

The No. 1 man picked up thus far was "Black Max" Intrator, thick-lipped, bald multi-millionaire who, the police maintained, headed the ring which speculated, juggled and smuggled money in several countries. They also may have engaged in gun-running and trafficking in refugees to Palestine.

Others in custody were Marcel Joanovici, brother of the millionaire rag picker, Joseph Joanovici, for whom police all over the world are looking so the French can question him about his wartime and postwar activities.

An Empire

The police could tie together the strings connecting Joanovici and the ring of "Black Max" but both were in the same business and the police believed that they and the Rumanian-born Michel Lupesco, 49, were all in one huge money juggling racket.

The Joanovici affair already has cost several Paris police officials their jobs—including the prefect of police, although the Ministry of the Interior refuses to admit it and investigation of the realm of the 39-year-old German born Intrator may eventually reach as far.

The police have questioned Intrator since his arrest last week and have pieced together the skelton of his Empire which ranged from Cairo through Switzerland, France, Great Britain and the United States.

His arrest shook the Paris black market to such an extent that English Sterling tumbled from almost double of its legitimate price of 480 francs to £1 to 580.

Little Men

The Intrator setup included hundreds of little men—men who bought foreign currencies on the streets of Paris, Monte Carlo and other fashionable resorts, pickup men who moved the black market take from smaller to larger pools, and smugglers who carried currency and gold across borders and continents.

By Intrator's admission the gang handled well over $400,000 monthly but this probably was only a part of the "take," according to the investigating police.

Two of Intrator's top lieutenants are now in custody—an Egyptian multi-millionaire, Albert Salem, who, the police believed, financed Intrator's beginning, and Karol Bitters, an importer and exporter. These two, the police believe, had carried out the latter phase of development of guns and refugees into Palestine and allegedly fleecing refugees as they moved them.

Black Exchange

The magistrate, Jacques Flori, who has examined and is studying the case of "Black Max," reconstructs the building of the Intrator money ring in this way:

Intrator probably was first financed by Salem in addition to his own funds and built up a racket that had three operations.

1. Speculating on the open Swiss market—only one in Europe today—with large sums in dollars, Sterling and Swiss francs on the rise and fall of price of these same three fairly stable currencies—in the same manner as speculators in Wall Street speculate in stocks.

2. Buying and selling of francs to tourists from England and United States or anywhere dollars or pound Sterling were available. The police officer in charge of the case said Intrator's "black money exchange" worked as smoothly as the official French exchange.

This "black exchange" ranged all through Paris and the Riviera consisting of "touts" who tipped off would-be purchaser, men who made a sale, and then resold at a slight profit to the next man up the chain.

Old Gags

The police have questioned many of them but have not held all.

Through these people rolled a continuous line of personal cheques, travellers' cheques, money orders and currency for dollars and pounds sterling.

These were accumulated by Intrator's top men and transmitted to the "country of their origin" where they were cashed. How the transfer was made is a point puzzling the police, but the smugglers were using all the old gags—false-bottomed suit cases, heels on shoes and "probably small second-rate banks" were employed, the police believed.

The operation consisted of taking profits from both speculation and "black exchange" and buying gold which was smuggled into France, Belgium and England to be sold for local currency which was then poured back into the "business" through "black exchange."

The police in Monte Carlo reported today that they had uncovered "bucket shops" there into which black market currencies went for transfer to Paris. Tourists there are packing their bags to move along for fear of being involved in the investigation and Monte Carlo hotel owners and shop keepers fear that their trade will dwindle.—United Press.

FRISCO DISPUTE

San Francisco, April 13.

A caucus of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union unanimously rejected today an offer of the Waterfront Employers Association to extend their contract to Sept. 30. The contract expires June 15.

Union President Harry Bridges notified the Association of the decision.—Associated Press.

NOT SEXUALLY STERILE

London, Apr. 12.

The Ministry of Supply officially took note of reports that workers in atomic research materials are feeling dull and getting sexually sterile and said it was not true.

The statement said there has been one case of skin infection.—United Press.

Terrible Hitler Fear Of The B29

Frankfurt, Apr. 13.

Adolf Hitler had a terrible fear of the American B29 Superfortress bomber in the last months of the war and an amazing lack of faith in his own V-weapons, the charred records of his secret staff conference showed.

The partly burned stenographic records of his wartime conferences, captured by the United States army and released here, disclosed that Hitler told Herman Goering and members of the General Staff on Jan. 10, 1945.

"Things are such that the American B29 now is in action. The Japanese see them already. I feel a great danger and one cannot weigh this danger too lightly.

"The B29 bomber can be Germany's destruction. These deadly machines will make their appearance here."

He Was Sorry

The B29 never appeared in Europe during the war but Hitler's repeated references to them showed he feared them perhaps even more than the approaching allied armies.

"The Americans probably can produce B29s in great masses," he said. "What else does the American need? He can crush everything with them. Nobody can come and tell me they won't attack us.

"Now they are attacking Japan with 70 to 100 planes. But these will soon increase to 200, then 500, then 1,000 and then 2,000."

On the same day he said "I am sorry to say that the V-weapons cannot decide the war."—Associated Press.

British Talks With Russia

Moscow, April 12.

Contrary to reports that negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Soviet treaty of alliance had broken down, further meetings of the British and Soviet negotiators are expected as soon as they can be fitted in with the time-table of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The meeting between the British and Soviet negotiators last Thursday night—lasted more than two hours and was most cordial, it was learned today.

The fact that neither side appears to be in a hurry is generally interpreted here as reflecting the common desire to link up revision of the treaty as far as possible with the related aspects of discussions of the Big Four.—Reuter.

U.S. Complaint To Poland

Berlin, April 12.

The Polish military mission in Berlin today asked the American military authorities in Frankfurt for specific instances in which Polish Col. Tadeusz Podwysocki had made anti-United States pronouncements and promised that the colonel would be disciplined if guilty.

Maj. Gen. Jacob Prawin, chief of the Polish military mission, said through an official spokesman that he had written a second letter to the American commander in Frankfurt, Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, asking for proof.

Huebner wrote Prawin yesterday asking for the recall of Podwysocki, chief liaison officer at Huebner's headquarters, on the grounds that the Polish officer was outspoken against the United States.

"It is with great surprise that I learned of anti-United States speeches by Col. Podwysocki," Prawin wrote today. "You will understand, dear general, that I have great interest in learning more details about these incidents which appear from what you have mentioned most regrettable."—United Press.

Austria—Being Starved?

Vienna, April 12.

The Minister of Public Nutrition, Otto Sagmeister, told the Cabinet food directorate today that Vienna had no potatoes because Russia refused to allow shipments from their zone to the Austrian capital.

He also said there was no meat because the western zones refused to cooperate with orders of the central government.

Sagmeister issued a communique which said, "Despite repeated promises and pledges the Allies are still interfering with the government's plans of food collection in various zones and its distribution."—United Press.

Newspaper Folds Up

Paris, April 12.

One of the five Paris evening papers, Libe Soir, has decided to cease publication from next Monday, M. Charles Laurent, Chairman of the Board of Directors, told a staff meeting tonight.

Libe Soir was a paper of Socialist tendency. Its name is short for "Liberation Soir."

The financial situation of the paper was the reason for the decision, said M. Laurent.

A member of the editorial staff said that 300 reporters and other employees had received no wages for April and most of them were owed part of their wages for March.—Reuter.

France Being Swept Into Whirlpool

Paris, Apr. 12.

France is being "swept into a whirlpool between two blocs" at the Moscow conference, the Parisien evening paper Le Monde, which frequently reflects French Foreign office opinion, said today.

Le Monde said that in blocking the immediate annexation of the Saar to France, M. Molotov was playing a double game, which could not fail to win either on an economic or political plane.

"The Soviet Government," it stated, "is trying on one hand to get its foot into the door to the Ruhr, which the Anglo-Saksons seem less and less disposed to let it do. If it fails to get into the Ruhr, it will have succeeded in striking an attitude as defender of Germany's western frontiers."

After stating that France's prestige in the eyes of the Germans as well as her coal supply depended on a quick solution of the Saar problem, the paper went on: "One other thing hangs upon the Saar decision: That is France's position in the face of the two blocs which confront her."

France found it difficult to maintain the role of conciliator, the newspaper stated and added: "France has just had brushed aside a claim which she believed to be on the margin of big problems and which did not effect anybody. She finds herself swept in spite of herself into a whirlpool of struggle between the two blocs."—Reuter.

SWEDISH SHIP SINKING

Stockholm, April 12.

The 3,650 ton motorship Acadia, belonging to the Swedish Lloyd Line, is sinking after striking a mine off Falsterbo this evening.

The Swedish vessel Sameland, which was in the vicinity went to the aid of the Acacia and took off her passengers and crew. No casualties have been reported.

The Acacia, built in 1946, was bound for Cadiz from Stockholm—Reuter.

London, April 12.

The Italian Constituent Assembly today approved by a large majority the article in the new constitution providing for freedom of worship and propagation of religion, Rome radio reported.—Reuter.

"WITHDRAW FROM BURMA"

Calcutta, Apr. 12.

Sarat Chandra Bose, member of the Indian Constituent Assembly and former member of the Congress Working Committee, today called upon the British to withdraw Indian troops from Burma, as "interference by Indian troops in Burmese domestic affairs is entirely uncalled for."

Bose said that employment and use of Indian troops in Burma was "bound to embitter relations between Burmese and Indians".—Reuter.

Korea A Case For Showdown

New York, Apr. 12.

"Much more than Korea's own future is involved in General Marshall's request for a meeting with Russia to consider the establishment of an independent, sovereign Korean nation," a Scripps-Howard editorial said today.

"In joining the problem of Korea's peculiar status to the current German and Austrian negotiations the Secretary of State is clearly pushing for a complete understanding with the Soviet Union.

"If hope for agreement on Germany and Austria is slight, as the present Moscow stalemate indicates, a meeting of minds on the Korean question is unlikely. But we must find out, and soon, whether it is possible to settle any basic issue with Russia and Korea's case is ideal subject for a showdown.

"Four Government are involved in the occupation of Germany but only the United States and Russia in Korea.... then, too, in Korea we are dealing with a liberated nation and a nominal ally whose integrity the United States and Russia are committed to respect by voluntary, mutual agreement....if we cannot come to terms on Korea we will know it is futile to renew efforts for understanding on the German and Austrian problems.

"Then the ill-advised and impotent Potsdam agreement can be scrapped, clearing the way for a new and independent approach to the occupation situation as a whole."—United Press.

U.N. Session On Palestine

Lake Success, N.Y., Apr. 13.

The United Nations awaited additional replies today in its 55-nation poll before formally setting a special session of the general assembly on the explosive Palestine question for April 28.

Officials said the United Nations still needed "a couple" more affirmative answers to reach the necessary total of 28. These were expected to arrive by Monday.

So far the United Nations has announced officially 26 replies—all affirmative. The Arab League States, which oppose the session, have not cast ballots but were reported reconciled to the special meeting. It was learned that the Soviet Ukraine in voting for the session suggested that it be held in Geneva.

However the secretariat already has begun making arrangements to use the assembly's chamber at Flushing Meadows Park at New York.—Associated Press.

No Trading On Saturdays

New York, Apr. 13.

The move to suspend operations on Saturdays has thus far affected only a few commodity trading and financial institutions.

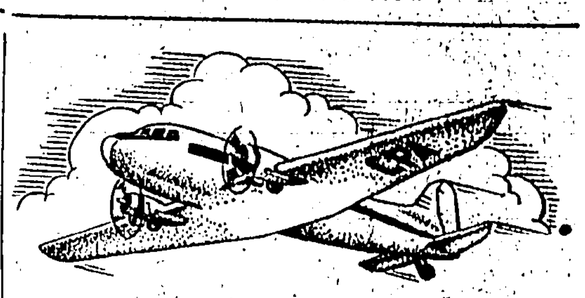
All year Saturday closings at present are being observed by the New York banks.

The New York Wool Top and Wool Exchange is closed Saturday through September.

The New York Stock Exchange and Curb Exchange will suspend Saturdays from May 31 through September.

The New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges will suspend trading Saturdays from May 31 through August.

The Chicago Board of Trade will keep the exchange open Saturday's throughout the year.—Associated Press.



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ABOLITION OF TARIFFS
United States Largely Holds The Key
Trade Talks In Geneva

Geneva, Apr. 12.

The proposition that the United States largely holds the key to world tariff abolition was one of three main factors which emerged from discussions by representatives during the first phase of the United Nations Trade and Employment conference which has been sitting since April 10.

Another viewpoint which was repeatedly stressed was that failure of the conference to reach an accord would result in economic chaos and disintegration throughout the world.

Yet few believed that any immediate abolition of preferential treatment systems could be expected.

There appeared to be wide agreement with opinions expressed by J. E. Holloway of South Africa that the United States was in a strategic position and should lead the world in the search for economic peace.

The United States was expected to outline its attitude toward the conference and tariff concession pleas during the plenary session on Monday.

Gradual Reduction?

After hearing the first expression of opinions from Britain and France, delegation observers doubted if either country were ready to scrap their preferential trade systems altogether. It seemed apparent that they were determined to hold their present courses temporarily and at best reduce barriers gradually.

Sir Stafford Cripps, representing Britain, said Britain and its Commonwealth group were unwilling to dismantle preferences even if the United States reduced tariffs by 50 percent.

France also indicated that she wished to maintain a certain number of preferences in trade between metropolitan territories and overseas possessions, and a United States source today said the United States did not anticipate the elimination of preferences but wanted feasible reductions.

Give-And-Take

The first stage of the conference also showed strong support for the principle of balancing tariff concessions on a give-and-take basis. It was being urged by the British Commonwealth, with support from China and smaller countries, that balancing concessions should be made with due regard given to sacrifices necessary to be made in the economic development plans of individual countries.

Latin-American countries have not yet expressed their views on these problems but it is expected that they will do so at Monday's plenary session.

Dollar Problem

Quarters close to the Brazilian delegation stressed today the necessity to increase the flow of international commerce as an essential factor for world peace and prosperity. They felt that only by greater development of those countries which are still but little industrialized could others find their markets extended.

British delegation sources summed up the whole trade problem by saying that it was largely a dollar problem which would be mainly solved by the extent to which the United States was ready to buy and lend.—United Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York Apr. 12.

Stocks slumped to a new average low since early December in the broadest and liveliest Saturday session since March 8.

Leading steels, motors, rails and industrials dropped fractions to two points but extreme declines were reduced in most cases at the close.

Transfers were 600,000 shares. Casualties included Douglas Aircraft and Southern Railway.

The Burlington Mills was one of the few stocks to advance—up one half at 17½ following an extra dividend.

The Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	61.10
20 Industrials	171.76
15 Rails	46.14
10 Utilities	34.38

Closing stock quotations:

Adams Express 14¾, Alaska Juneau 4¾, American 92½, American Smelting 63¾, American Telephone 164⅛, American Tobacco 65⅛, American Waterworks 15⅝, Anaconda Copper 37⅞, Aviation Corporation 6, Baldwin Locomotive 20⅛, Barnsdall 22, Bendix Aviation 31½, Bethlehem Steel 87½, Boeing Aircraft 19⅜, Borden Co. 40⅝, Canadian Pacific 11⅝, J. I. Case 34½, Chrysler 91, Colgate 47⅛, Commercial Solvents 23⅝, Corn Products 65, Dupont 187⅛, Eastman Kodak 236½, Electric Light & Power 14⅝, General Electric 34⅝, General Motors 56⅛, Goodrich 57½, Goodyear 56⅞, Greyhound 28, International Harvester 82, International Paper 41½, International Tel & Tel 12⅝, Johns Manville 122½, Kennecott Copper 41⅞, Montgomery Ward 54⅝, National Distillers 20, National Lead 20⅛, New York Central 15⅞, Packard Motors 5, Pan American Airways 12⅝, Pennsylvania RR 20⅝, Radio Corporation 8⅝, Republic Steel 25⅝, Reynolds Tobacco 38⅝, Schenley 32½, Sears Roebuck 34½, Shell Oil 27¼, Socony Vacuum 14⅝, Southern Pacific 38, Standard Brands 3½, Standard Oil of Calif. 62⅜, Standard Oil of N.J. 65½, Studebaker 19⅝, Union Bag 31⅝, Union Carbide 87, U.S. Rubber 47⅝, U.S. Steel 68⅝, U.S. Lines 21½, Westinghouse 23⅞, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 62⅛.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Apr. 12.

Corn dropped for losses extending around three cents at times with deferred deliveries leading the downturn.

Wheat and oats, while weak at times, recovered toward the close.

Wheat closed unchanged to 1⅞ cents lower:

May $2.57-2.57½, July 2.57-2.57½, July 2.17⅛-2.17, September 2.11⅝-2.11.

Corn was 2¾ cents lower to ⅛ higher. Oats were ⅜ lower to ⅝ higher.—Associated Press.

Lewis Backs Down In Safety Strike

Washington, Apr. 12.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, backed down today in the soft coal "safety strike."

He authorized the union's district officials to permit the reopening of any soft coal mine which they have "reasonable grounds" for considering safe.

For the past week Lewis has been insisting that his miners would go back to work only in mines certified as safe by federal inspectors. A federal re-examination of all the nation's mines would take months.

Lewis' new instructions made possible the quick reopening of all but 3.50 of the 2,531 Government-operated mines.

Indications were that an accelerated back to work movement beginning Monday would wipe out the safety stoppage for all practical purposes within a few days. Informed sources said two factors influenced Lewis' action—strong objections among the miners to continued idleness, and tough talk by Federal Judge Alan Goldsborough, who said on Thursday that Lewis and the UMW have failed to comply in good faith with the Supreme Court's no-strike mandate.

There was considerable evidence that Lewis' safety walkout was losing ground even before he withdrew his demand for federal inspection. Coal production rose steadily although slowly throughout the week. The coal mines administration reported that more than 176,000 men—mostly UMW miners—reported for work in 1,569 soft coal mines and production was 1,325,000 tons.—United Press.

GERMANS EXPORT FABRICS

Berlin, Apr. 12.

Twelve million yards of fabric manufactured in the United States zone of Germany and valued at $3,500,000 have been sold to Afghanistan, the United States economic division announced tonight.—Reuter.

BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD

Bombay, Apr. 12.

Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 165 Rupees 0a Annas, Forward (May 7 settlement) 161, 01; Gold, Delivery, per tola 104, 00, Forward May 103, 12; Sovereign, each 68, 08; Silver, New settlement (unofficial) 165, 10.—Reuter.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Apr. 12.

Cotton futures declined in active dealings with liquidation stimulated by weakness in securities and the announcement that direct Federal aid to promote cotton exports will be discontinued from July 1. Futures closed unchanged to $1.25 a bale lower.

May 34.48, July 32.50, October 29.46, December 28.67, March 28.30, May 27.90-95, Spot 35.21n.—Associated Press.

ZURICH FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Zurich, Apr. 12.

Zurich on London 17.35, New York 4.30, Paris 3.62½, Brussels 9.87½, Amsterdam 162.30, Lisbon 14.47½, Buenos Aires 104.00, Stockholm 119.62½, Madrid 59.75.—Reuter.

ALEXANDRIA BULLION

Alexandria, Apr. 12.

Gold, per "dirrhem" 114 piastres, Egyptian pound 463, Sovereign 459, Turkish pound 350, Napoleon 350, Dollar (piece de cinq) 460, Silver (piastres) per Kilogram 860.—Reuter.

MEXICAN EXCHANGE RATE

Mexico City, Apr. 12.

T. T. Mexico City on London buyers 1,965, Sellers 1,960; New York 485, 486, Paris 485, 480, Zurich 115, 116, Hongkong 1.20, Bombay unquoted.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Apr. 12.

Sovereign, buyers 37.10, sellers 38.50; U.S. $50 Eagle, buyers 210.50, Sellers 212.50; Gold, Bar, per ounce, buyers 9.32, sellers 9.52.—Reuter.

Credit And Reserves Holding Up

Washington, Apr. 13.

The $7,500,000,000 international monetary fund, which opened for business six weeks ago, has yet to receive an application for aid from any of its 43 member countries.

Officials of the fund, created to make world trade easier by helping to avert sharp changes in the value of currencies, told a reporter they regard this state of affairs as a good sign.

They said it indicates that member countries' credit and reserves are holding up well, probably strengthened by the knowledge that the fund is available as a secondary line of aid.

These officials added that the fund was established only to provide temporary, short term help to members who need other members' currencies because they have adverse trade balances—imports in excess of exports.

Most countries now have deeper, longer lasting difficulties and need longterm aid to build up their economies so as to bolster their trade.—Associated Press.

PAPER BURNED

Turin, April 12.

The first 20,000 copies of the new weekly "La Verita" were burned in the street outside the newspaper's offices today by a group of men, who seized the papers as they were about to be sent out for distribution. The police made some arrests.

The newspaper's first issue had carried a bitter attack against "famous outlawed anti-Fascists."—United Press.

Planners Take Own Medicine

Geneva, Apr. 12.

Trade and treasury planners of Britain's all-out export policy have good-naturedly been taking their own medicine all this week each time they pass through Geneva, a city bulging with stores.

For British goods predominate in the shops which line the boulevards of sunny Geneva.

Many members of the 120-man British team attending the United Nations-sponsored international trade talks have already spent some of their strictly limited Swiss currency buying goods in short supply in Britain.

Shirts, socks and ties have attracted most British men officials.

Their women typists and secretaries have, on the other hand plumped mainly for incredible looking nylons, easily obtainable at about 10 to 25 shillings a pair.

Queues of the London variety don't exist in Geneva. Not even when scores of nylon-starved and cigarette-hungry Britons made their way, almost furtively, to Geneva's well-stocked shops a matter of hours after they reached here this week.

No Privileges

Some of the more native British girls think they are getting instead of 2s. 4d. for 20 English cigarettes. And then the pastries, and chocolates, and wine, and steaks and fruit.

A Board of Trade official emphasised, however, that the British officials attending the international trade talks here would receive no currency privileges whatsoever during their expected 16 weeks stay.

The Board of Trade did not, he added, control the export of British consumer and luxury goods.—Associated Press.

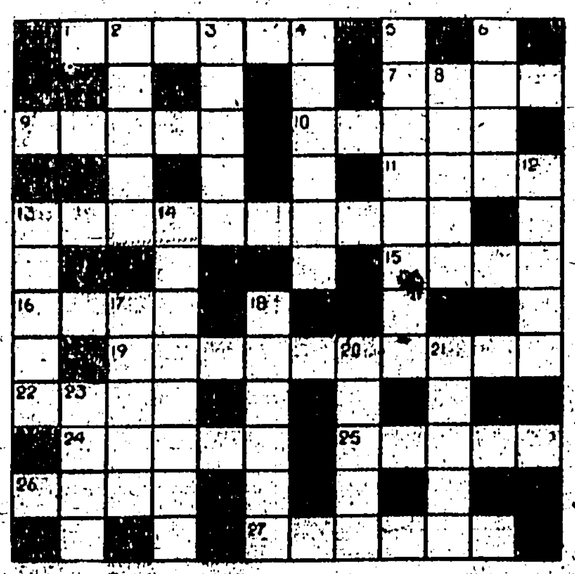
away with murder each time they pay approximately 1s. 5d.

MEAT WORKERS' STRIKE

Copenhagen, April 12.

Both parties in the strike of meat workers in Copenhagen have rejected a proposal for mediation. The strike, which began on March 3, involves 1,200 workers.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Unruffled.
7. Calm.
9. Poison.
10. View.
11. Helps.
13. Eating-house
15. Withered.
16. Endure.
19. Requisition.
22. Close.
24. High room.
25. Foolish.
26. Private light.
27. Scabbard.

Clues Down

2. Narrow roads.
3. Punctuation mark.
4. Want eagerly
5. Freed from dirt.
6. Ran away.
8. Join.
12. Perpendicular
13. Word puzzle.
14. Strangle.
17. Sharp.
18. Fishing vessels.
20. Ingenuous.
21. Precise.
23. Pull.

Saturday's Crossword

Across:—1. Cuckoo; 4. Broad; 7. Lumber; 8. Often; 10. Swap; 10. Bisects; 15. Demon; 16. Mast; 17. Avers; 19. Rural; 20. Lessons; 21. Naves; 23. Essay; 24. Remiss; 25. Alley; 26. Stayed.

Down:—1. Colossal; 2. Comrades; 3. Omen; 5. Rifleman; 6. Averts; 9. Minus; 11. Persuade; 12. Borne; 13. Calamity; 14. Stressed; 18. Vessel; 22. Bent.

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CHAU MAN-CHI'S WINNING GAME FOR CHINESE FEDERATION

Rarely has one player been so outstanding as in the Governor's Cup Final at Causeway Bay yesterday when the Chinese Federation beat the Hong Kong Association by the odd goal in three after being in arrears early in the game.

It was a personal achievement for Chau Man-chi, the South China inside left. The complete footballer; he rarely failed to make good use of the ball and his footwork would have done credit to a ballet dancer.

Besides doing nearly all the scheming in midfield, this slightly built player tried more shots than the rest of his fellow forwards put together. Some of the shots needed all the skill of Powell to prevent success. All this despite the fact that the inside left had an exceptionally good right half facing him, the tall clean-kicking Shepherd from the 27 Fd. Artillery team.

The victory was all the more creditable in view of the fact that the Chinese had to make extensive changes in their XI and were without several of their star players including the whole of the half-back line.

Third Meeting

It was the third meeting of the teams and altogether the well-matched sides battled for four and a half hours to decide who should hold the cup. The first meeting in February ended 4-4 and the second a fortnight ago concluded 3-3.

Tremendous scenes of enthusiasm were shown after the match, the Chinese "Skipper" being chaired and several hundred "delighted fans" remaining in the vicinity of the ground for an hour after the final whistle.

The first half was fought at a terrific pace and it was not surprising that play deteriorated in the second session, with all the players showing signs of fatigue.

The Chinese were at sixes and sevens in the first ten minutes and it looked as if the absence of their Sing Tao stars would give a one-sided complex to the game.

The Chinese goalie was in action twice in the first few seconds and Redman immediately impressed with his speed and energy.

Dear cut across his own goal to thwart the first Chinese attack and made another spectacular clearance when play swung once again into the Association penalty area.

Redman created a good opening for Sullivan but Fok Yiu-wah cleared in the nick of time. Gosano earned a corner but Yu Kei-nan punched the resulting kick out of the danger zone. A long clearance from Dear caught the Federation defence unawares but Redman failed to get any force behind his shot and it went harmlessly wide.

Hot Pace

The match was being contested at a hot pace on a lively, concrete-hard ground, with the big crowd appreciating every move. As in the former game, the danger to the Association defence came from the left wing but Souter and Shepherd were both judging their clearances accurately and Afrosa was as calm and collected as usual.

Mullen hit the side netting in the next Association raid but it was not very long afterwards that they took the lead.

Redman, putting plenty of energy into his play, trapped the ball on the penalty spot, swivelled round and drove the ball into the corner of the net with the goalie going in the wrong direction.

A nice movement by Sullivan earned another corner but the Chinese custodian once again fisted clear.

The Association were well on top at this stage, the Chinese were not playing with anything like their usual understanding. Passes were going astray. There was little co-ordination in the attack.

Chau Man-chi brought Powell into action for the first time with a forty-yard shot which the goalie cleared easily. A moment later, Powell had to dive full length to make a brilliant save from the same player. Powell was brought into the picture a third time when he was called upon to dive at the feet of Cheuk Shek-kam and the ball was scrumbled clear.

Shepherd beat three men neatly to start his attack in motion once again but Ford was pulled up for offside. A back-header from Redman gave Ford a chance but Tse Kam-hung stepped in before the winger could steady himself.

The Chinese were playing much better now with far more method in their efforts. Tse Kam-hoi and Chan Tak-fai combined to present Chau Man-chi with another chance to test Powell. Anderson relieved the pressure with a header.

Score Equal

With the game thirty minutes old, the Chinese equalised with a picture goal. A terrific cross-shot from Chan Tak-fai gave Powell no chance at all. Cheuk Shek-kam beat two men, only to have his final shot deflected for a fruitless corner. Then Chau Man-chi gave the opposing defence another anxious moment with an overhead kick.

At the other end, Sullivan tried a first time shot from a Gosano corner and saw the ball go inches wide of the upright. Gosano had seen very little of the ball at this stage whilst Ford, on the other wing, was having some hard tussles with Tsang Chung-wan.

Within a minute of the resumption, the Association had a narrow escape. Lee Ping-chiu collected the ball from his right winger but Afrosa managed to get his foot to the ball, diverting it over the cross bar.

Then the Association had an even narrower escape when Powell could only partially punch clear and the Chinese left wing pair were left with an open goal. Hesitancy spoilt the chance but the ball struck the cross bar before finally being kicked out of the danger zone.

The Chinese continued to pile on the pressure and finally took the lead when Lee Ping-chiu converted Cheuk Shek-kam's centre. The Association players strongly appealed for offside but the referee was firm about his decision.

Gosano tried a shot following a Shepherd free-kick but Yu Kai-yan saved beneath the cross bar. Feeling began to creep into the game and two players were warned, but the referee (Mr. Ip Kau-ko) never allowed the game to get out of control and a repetition of the Memorial Cup was avoided. Mullen and Gosano took the ball half the length of the field but the Chinese goalie saved Redman's header skilfully.

Shepherd Hurt

Shepherd was injured in a hard tackle but resumed after attention. Thrill followed thrill as the Association tried desperately to keep their goal intact Chau Man-chi was continually making the openings and found time to try two drives which looked "possibles."

From one breakaway, the Association took the ball right up to the other goalmouth and this time it was the Chinese goal which had a very narrow escape. The Chinese goalie made his first mistake of the afternoon and Sullivan just failed to jump high enough to head the ball in the direction of the open goal.

Tsang Chung-wan was injured in a tackle with Ford but resumed after attention and was able to help in stopping the next Association attack. Yet it was obvious that the pace had been too much for the Association team and their late efforts at an equaliser never looked like achieving reward.

Chinese Federation:- Yu Kai-yan; Tsang Chung-wan, Fok Yiu-wah; Hung Hung-yuk, Tse Kam-hung, Lo Wai-kuen; Tse Kam-ho, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Ping-chiu, Chau Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam.

Association:- Powell, Souter, Dear; Shepherd, Afrosa, Anderson; Gosano, Mullen, Redman, Sullivan, Ford.

SAIGON TEAMS

The Saigon Football and Basketball teams are arriving here today by the "Wah Chang". The Football team will play three or four games during their stay in the Colony.

An Interport Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow to make the necessary arrangements.

Another Blow At Unions

Washington, Apr. 12.

A bill outlawing the closed shop and providing for restrictions on strikes and drastic curtailment of union powers, was approved by the House of Representatives Labour Committee today by 18 votes to 4.

The bill would allow the Attorney General to obtain a court order to prevent major strikes affecting the national welfare.

The measure will now go before the full House.

The bill forbids political contributions by unions, guarantees employers' free speech on labour matters and makes unions subject to law suits for violating contracts.

Three Democrats voted with 15 Republicans for the bill and four Democrats were against.

The measure is said to be aimed at big unions such as the Mine Workers' Federation, headed by John Lewis. Under it a court injunction against a major strike would last during the period of mediation and investigation of facts. If the union still voted to strike, the Government could obtain another injunction and start the process over again.

The Senate Labour Committee has a similar provision in the general labour measure it is considering but has not yet voted on it.—Reuter.

Ice-Hockey

London, Apr. 12.

England scored a sensational 8-7 victory over Switzerland in the second ice-hockey Test Match at Wembley before a capacity crowd of 10,000 tonight.

With one minute to go Switzerland were leading 7-5, but in one of the most amazing finishes ever seen at Wembley, Sutherland (2) and Oxley scored to give England victory.

Switzerland won the first match last Thursday and the final game of the series takes place next Thursday.—Reuter.

FASTBALL

(By "Neutral")

Playing well in spite of the absence of Dave Leonard, their star player, Great Britain easily accounted for China in the Final of the International Fastball Competition by eleven runs to nil before a big crowd of spectators at King's Park yesterday.

Stan Leonard was the hero of the day. In his four trips to bat he connected three times and gave his team a good lead. Erickson had two to his credit.

Great Britain had ten hits to China's two against the brainy pitching of Saul.

Great Britain made no errors during the game.

The winners were well served by Stan Leonard, Harold Wing Lee, Erickson and George White while Ali out in the outfield was as good as ever. Bill Woo tried his best. Choy Ping-fan at short stop did exceedingly well.

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"Viceroy" Victims Found

Flushing, Apr. 12.

Four bodies of the victims of the sinking of the British cargo ship Viceroy, 824 tons, which struck a mine off Flushing today, were found by the Breskens life boat at low tide.

A man named Carcadi is reported to be among those who lost their lives.

The other eight members of the crew have been rescued and four are now in hospital here. The Belgian pilot is believed to have been among the missing.

The Viceroy was on her way from Antwerp to Aberdeen, Scotland, with a cargo of artificial fertiliser. According to one report here, she sank within a few seconds of hitting a mine but the ship's bridge remained above water long enough to enable some of the crew to jump overboard and clutch drift-wood.

Four of the survivors were picked up by a small boat manned by a Dutch farmer's boy and a cabin boy.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOOTBALL

Amsterdam, Apr. 13.

The International Youth Football Tournament, which was played this week, was won by the Amsterdam Football Club. The Ajax Boldklubben 03 of Denmark was second and Beerschot of Antwerp third with the Sea Cadets of Britain, fourth.

The Dutch Club of Harlem-Mermeer, were last.

Boldklubben were beaten 2-1 by Ajax but defeated the other three teams. Ajax did not lose a single match and played one draw only.—Associated Press.

ROYAL VISITORS AT TOURNEY

Paris, Apr. 12.

King Gustav of Sweden watched an international lawn tennis tournament at Nice both this morning and this afternoon, and onight attended a fashion gala at Cannes.

Other guests at the gala included Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, formerly Prince Philip of Greece, his aunt, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, and Princess Marie de Bourbon.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 13.

Five administrators and social workers from Malaya and Sarawak are touring Britain under the auspices of the British Council to study matters of professional interest.—Associated Press.

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Shanghai, 3 p.m.
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BALLOON RACE

Amsterdam, Apr. 12.

An international balloon race, with entrants from England, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland will be held on May 5 starting from The Hague, the newspaper "Volksgant" reported.—Associated Press.

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Scots Were Unlucky Not To Have Won

England's Play Was For Below Form

London, Apr. 12.

The much-vaunted English Soccer team, described by the critics as one of the best ever, could only draw 1-1 with Scotland at Wembley Stadium this afternoon before 99,000 spectators, among whom was the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

England's draw was, however, sufficient to assure them of the International Championship for the first time since 1932.

It was by no means a classic game and England played far below form. Indeed, the Scots had the better of the game territorially and could be considered unlucky not to win. Their 1-0 lead at the interval was well merited, and had the French referee awarded a penalty for hands in the 30th minute, as many thought he should, England might have faced a two-goal deficit at half-time.

It was all Scotland in the first half. They penned England down into their own half and never allowed them to get going. Although Ex-Park Lawton after the restart the ball played up to their best form and was only a brilliant and clever effort by Raich Carter, the silver-haired inside-right, that got the equaliser.

Before today's game it was generally considered that England would have as many as nine players in the British team to meet the rest of Europe at Glasgow next month. As a result of today's play Scotland will have a justifiable claim for providing many more than two men. Some of England's "certainties" for this game played so badly that they may find themselves out.

Scotland played splendidly together as a team and their half-back trio of Macauley, Woodburn and Forbes was magnificent. They might even be selected en bloc against the Rest of Europe, for England's centre-half, Franklin, who, it was true, played with three stitches in his forehead played well below par, and Wright and Johnson were not successful.

Forwards Disjointed

England's famous forward line was completely disjointed. It was broken up by this quick-tackling Scottish trio. Stanley Matthews and Tommy Lawton were seldom in the picture, and Carter, apart from his goal, was erratic. On the left wing, Mullen and Mannion never impressed.

The English backs were not too sure of themselves, although they never gave way under pressure. Swift, in goal, has played better, but it must be said for him that he never made a serious mistake and was responsible for getting England out of several tight corners.

The Scottish half-back trio well supplied their forwards with perfect passes, and the latter were always dangerous—all five of them, with McLaren, perhaps, outstanding. Both Shaw and Young showed their best form at back and Miller was safe in goal, although he had little to do.

Without deerying the Scots' display, it must be said that this was due to a great extent to England's below-par form.

The Scots, playing with the wind, were soon in the picture, and in the ninth minute of play Delaney missed a possible scoring chance, while two minutes later the same player might again have netted. He made ample amends, however, when in the 16th minute he put through a lovely pass to McLaren, who easily beat Swift.

It was not until the 22nd minute that England put in its first shot, Lawton going near with a drive. After the referee had turned over a Scottish claim for hands after half an hour's play a Scottish player handled a yard outside the penalty area. The kick came to nothing, and the Scots left the field at the interval one goal to the good.

Second Half

Playing with a light wind on the resumption, England pressed and Lawton nearly headed through, while Carter hit the side of the netting.

Then came Carter's goal. It was a gem. He juggled with a pass from Lawton and the ball was in the net in a flash.

Both sides strove hard to gain ascendancy but the efforts were spasmodic. Mannion twice nearly got the ball into the net, first with his head and then with his foot, and at the other end Delaney, unmarked, all but got the ball running across the goalmouth.

Neither side could pierce the opposing defence and the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

The official receipts were £34,200.—Reuter.

Burr And Bagpipes

London, Apr. 12.

Thirty thousand Scots invaded London today—complete with tam, kilt, burr and bagpipes—for the first full fledged England-Scotland international soccer match in nine years.

They drank Scotch. You can't find it in Scotland.

They packed the sightseeing buses to overflowing, with some singing from the roofs "The Campbells Are Coming." It wasn't quite accurate: the MacGregors, McIntoshs, Murdochs, McTavishes and MacDougalls all came too.

Colourful tam-o'-shanters and Scotch plaid kilts exposing hairy knobby legs blended with the drab clothes of rationed England on Piccadilly Circus like splashes of paint by an abstract artist.

Wailing bagpipes attracted crowds who lined the curbs on Regent St. in the sunshine of London's third consecutive day of mild weather.

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Scotch Whisky

Pub owners reported that the Scots were "free spenders" when ordering Scotch whisky. "If we make it for export we will buy it abroad," one thistle throated clansman said.

Many cheerfully paid £3 to £4 to scalpers for one guinea tickets for seats at the 68rd annual England-Scotland match since the full internationals were started in 1872.

Some carried canes like oversized corkscrews. Fourteen relief trains helped transport the greatest Scottish invasion of England since 1938. After taking over the city all morning they started a mass exodus to Wembley Stadium for the big match.

Some took the high road (buses); some took the low (the underground). They all got there afore the kick-off.—United Press.

Three Changes

England will make three changes when they meet France in the international soccer match at Highbury on May 3.

The team is: Swift (Manchester City), Scott (Arsenal), Wright (Wolverhampton), Hardwick (Middlesbrough), Franklin (Stoke), Lowe (Aston Villa), Finney (Preston), Carter (Derby County), Lawton (Chelsea), Mannion (Middlesbrough) and Kippax (Burnley).—Reuter.

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Blackpool	40	21	5	14	68	68	47
Stoke City	36	20	6	10	91	49	46
Liverpool	35	19	6	10	72	47	44
Preston N.E.	36	17	8	11	68	64	42
Middlesbro'	37	17	7	13	71	55	41
Aston Villa	36	16	7	13	58	57	39
Sheffield U.	37	15	6	16	65	71	36
Sunderland	36	15	6	15	65	61	36
Portsmouth	38	14	7	13	56	68	35
Chelsea	35	14	7	14	63	71	35
Derby County	35	15	4	16	66	72	34
Everton	35	14	7	14	49	57	35
Arsenal	35	12	8	15	58	60	32
Grimsby Town	37	10	12	15	47	74	32
Bolton W.	39	12	8	19	55	62	32
Blackburn R.	36	12	7	17	57	67	31
Huddersfield	36	11	6	19	48	74	28
Brentford	35	9	5	21	42	77	23
Leeds United	35	6	5	24	40	75	17

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Manchester C.	34	22	8	4	86	27	52
Burnley	34	19	12	3	59	22	50
Birmingham	35	20	8	11	61	29	48
Newcastle U.	34	17	7	10	80	51	41
West Brom.	34	17	6	11	69	58	40
Spurs	35	14	12	9	56	46	40
Chesterfield	33	11	11	8	38	36	36
Leicester C.	34	16	4	14	69	52	36
Luton Town	36	14	6	16	60	62	34
Coventry C.	34	11	11	12	52	52	33
Barnsley	35	13	7	15	65	72	33
Fulham	32	13	6	13	56	56	32
West Ham U.	33	13	5	15	59	63	31
Southampton	36	12	7	17	58	62	31
Bury	33	10	10	13	66	64	30
Notts Forest	33	11	7	15	53	69	29
Plymouth A.	34	12	5	17	60	70	29
Bradford	36	9	9	12	49	59	27
Millwall	32	11	4	17	45	67	26
Wednesday	34	10	6	18	55	74	26
Swansea T.	36	10	5	20	58	70	25
Newport C.	32	7	2	23	46	108	16

Third Division South

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff City	35	24	6	5	83	24	54
Q.P.R.	36	22	8	6	82	19	52
Bristol City	36	18	8	10	87	62	44
Swindon Town	37	16	9	12	76	60	41
Southend	35	16	8	11	74	47	40
Ipswich Town	35	14	11	10	51	43	39
Reading	36	15	9	12	79	64	39
Exeter City	36	14	9	13	69	59	37
Bristol R.	39	15	7	17	56	66	37
Bournemouth	35	15	6	14	69	45	36
Walsall	35	13	10	12	62	53	36
Port Vale	34	13	8	13	55	55	34
Torquay U.	35	12	10	13	46	58	34
Watford	35	15	4	16	53	75	34
Cr. Palace	36	12	9	15	48	54	33
Brighton-Hove	37	10	12	15	47	67	32
Notts County	34	11	8	15	52	54	30
Northampton	35	12	6	17	59	71	30
Mansfield T.	37	9	9	19	45	86	27
Orient	33	10	6	17	48	64	26
Aldershot	34	8	9	17	41	60	25
Norwich C.	34	9	6	23	57	93	24

Third Division North

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster R.	36	20	5	2	110	37	45
Rotherham U.	32	23	4	5	83	36	18
Chester	33	19	6	8	78	46	44
Stockport	35	21	2	12	66	35	44
Bradford C.	34	18	7	9	48	37	43
Rochdale	35	17	8	12	63	55	42
Wrexham	34	15	7	9	51	34	37
Tranmere R.	34	16	5	15	58	63	36
Crewe Alex.	37	13	9	15	54	68	35
Barrow	35	14	6	16	59	60	34
Hartlepools	37	13	7	17	55	66	33
Gateshead	36	14	4	18	48	56	32
Hull City	34	12	7	15	41	44	31
Carlisle U.	35	13	5	18	59	79	31
Darlington	36	13	5	18	59	70	31
Edinbur'gh C.	32	12	4	16	62	60	28
Accrington	35	12	4	19	41	67	28
New Brighton	32	10	6	16	45	60	26
Oldham Ath.	36	10	6	20	54	70	26
Southport	37	7	10	20	48	71	24
York City	31	8	6	17	46	65	22
Halifax T.	33	6	5	22	34	67	17

FATAL RUGBY GAME

London, Apr. 12.

The Rugby League game at Halifax between Halifax and Dewsbury ended after 65 minutes when Hudson Irving, Halifax and Cumberland County forward, was injured and died within a minute or two on the touchline.

Irving had played for twelve seasons with Halifax.

Results of Rugby League games played today were:

Barrow 8 Wigan 7; Batley 13 Warrington 7; Bradford Northern 39 Featherstone Rovers 12; Broughton 6 Salford 10; Bellevue Rangers 2 Workington Town 10; Castleford 13 Hull 5; Halifax 0 Dewsbury 19 (Match abandoned ten minutes before time); Huddersfield 5 Wakefield Trinity 13; Hull Kingston Rovers 22 Rockdale Hornets 0; Hunslet 10 Keighley 5; Leigh 5 Widnes 11; Liverpool Stanley 19 York 9; St. Helen's 7 Oldham 18; Swinton 7 Leeds 26.—Reuter.

Petition Wins At Hurst Park

London, Apr. 12.

Sir Alfred Butt's "classic" colt Petition, making its first appearance as a three-year-old won the Henry VIII Three-Year-Old Stakes over seven furlongs at Hurst Park today.

Petition, who had been second favourite to Tudor Minstrel for both the Derby and the Guineas throughout the winter, was an easy ten-lengths' winner over another classic contender, the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's Sayajirao, who cost a record price of 26,000 guineas as a yearling and is a full brother to the 1945 Derby Winner, Dante, being by Nearco out of Rose Legend.

The only other runner was a 25 to 1 chance, Sea Lover, owned by Lady Zia Wernher, which finished five lengths behind Sayajirao.

Odds of 5 to 1 were laid on Petition, who won four of his five races as a two-year-old. Sayajirao started 5 to 1 against.

The winning owner said after the race that Petition won "very easily." He added: "We wanted him to have a race but unfortunately today he did not have one. It was too easy."—Reuter.

TODAY'S TENNIS FINAL

Excellent fare should be provided today for those who enjoy seeing good and keen competitive tennis. At 5 p.m. sharp on the Stand Court at the Cricket Club, Yip Koon-hong will face the brother of his semi-final victim, Tsui Yun-pui. Quite obviously, Tsui Wai-pui will be ready and willing to avenge the family defeat and every point will be bitterly contested.

At Friday's match, Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, with his family and staff, watched the good Men's Doubles Semi-Final and expressed himself keen to see today's and tomorrow's encounters.

On his recent showing, Yip will start at a slightly better than even money favourite, but as there is little to choose on the score of pure stroke production, it seems the battle (best of five vantage sets) will be decided (as much as anything else) on the physical condition and training.

Tsui appears to carry an extra three or so superfluous pounds, but this may prove to be his best ringside weight. Yip is a cool customer at times and appears to be in the pink of condition. Both these young players have to be fit and well to face the ordeal of singles and doubles final on two succeeding days (today and tomorrow).

Fortunately, we get the present of another daylight hour as from yesterday, so there will be little fear of either Final being replayed on account of darkness on any Final day. Everyone should, however, be in their seats by 4.50 p.m. sharp as no seats (except official guest seats) are being reserved in advance.

The Doubles Final tomorrow should be very close, with Yip and Paul Kong playing the Tsui Brothers. No one so far has predicted the result. Yip is being brilliant and is always ably supported by Paul Kong, but who can say how many points in every set are won by the Tsui Brothers purely on their perfect understanding and team work? As may be expected, they are natural partners and cover the Court so well that wide open spaces anywhere are almost impossible to find.

The Umpire for both these Finals, it is understood, will be Major C. W. L. Way, with the support of the usual experienced foot-fault judges, service court and all other linesmen.

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

Cheltenham, Apr. 12.

A record crowd, attracted by one of the finest single-day programmes in the history of England steeplechasing, today thronged the sun-bathed enclosures here today when the two main events were the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Champion Hurdle.

The 3-mile Gold Cup race the second most coveted prize in the National Hunt Calendar, was won by Lord Grimthorpe's French-bred Fortina, starting at 8 to 1, who beat Miss Dorothy Paget's Irish (8 to 1) third in a field of 12 runners.

The winner was ridden by Mr. R. Black, one of Britain's best-known amateur jockeys.—Reuter.

MILLS TO MEET GOFFAUX

London, Apr. 11.

Paul Goffaux, of Belgium, and Freddie Mills, British champion, have been nominated by the European Boxing Association to fight for the European light-heavyweight title.

Ray Famechon, of France, and Al Phillips, British Empire champion, have been nominated to meet for the European featherweight title.—Reuter.

BURNLEY'S GREAT DEFENCE SEES THEM THROUGH

London, Apr. 12.

Burnley's magnificent defence, which has not conceded more than two goals in a game throughout the season, saw them through the all-Lancashire F.A. Cup semi-final replay at Manchester today.

They will now meet Charlton Athletic in the Cup Final at Wembley in a fortnight's time.

For a long time it seemed that an extra half hour would again have to be played. Then, after a total of 198 minutes in a tie the centre-forward, Harrison, scored an opportunist goal which takes the Second Division team into the Cup Final for the second time in their career—they beat Liverpool by one goal to nil in the 1944 final.

One of the most interested spectators in the crowd of 72,000 was the left half who played for Burnley in the 1944 match—William Watson.

Burnley have scored thirteen goals while allowing only two in eight Cup games played so far.

Nearly a million spectators watched 43 big games today in England and Wales, revelling in the long-delayed springlike conditions.

Goals At Premium

Reports indicate that the players did not find the harder ground and lighter ball quite so welcome. Ball control was often difficult and it would seem that many footballers have come to regard snow and slush, mud, wind and rain as normal!

At all events, goals were at a premium, with five goalless draws.

Strange results did little to solve Championship promotion and relegation problems. Although without a game, Wolverhampton remained on the top of the First Division table, for Blackpool failed to hold Stoke, who won their fourth game in a row and look like making a great bid for Championship honours. Liverpool and Manchester United are still well in the hunt.

Once again Charlton went under to their 1946 Cup conquerors, Derby County, but with Brentford and Leeds showing little signs of life the Cup finalists should not be unduly worried.

Burnley's Chance

The Cup reply caused a lull in the Second Division strife for promotion and relegation, for it meant that Manchester City and Burnley, who look assured of promotion, and Newport and Millwall—in the danger zone—were not engaged.

Burnley have a great chance to emulate the feat of Wes in 1931.

Cardiff left it late in registering against Walsall their first win in six matches. Only twelve minutes remained when they opened their score, but then Hill (2) and Gibson netted within four minutes to increase Cardiff's lead to two points the Third Division (South). Their rivals, Queen's Park Rangers, scored an equaliser at Port Vale with a bare three minutes left.

Rangers Win

Doncaster surprisingly failed to beat their visitors, Lincoln, but their position practically assure them of promotion.

Ronnie Rooke put up the best performance of the day, scoring all four of Arsenal's goals against Middlesborough.

Scotland, with one eye on Wembley, had still some big problems to solve. League games worked out in favour of Queen's Park, who beat Queen of the South and now look like escaping relegation.

Rangers made their title of champions clear by beating the already doomed Hamilton Academicals.

In the Cup semi-final, Aberdeen, with two goals by Williams, disposed of Arbroath and meet Hibernians in the final at Hampden Park next Saturday.—Reuter.

Wales Wins Rugby International

Swansea, Apr. 12.

In glorious sunshine here today Wales turned the tables on France and won the Rugby League international by four goals and three tries (17 points) to three goals and three tries (15 points).

The Welsh victory was well-merited. It was a splendid game throughout and fought at terrific pace. The heavy but fast-moving French pack were always a danger, and it required superb Welsh defence to keep them at bay.

Well down at one period of the game, it speaks highly for the Frenchmen's play that they nearly drew level. Callow and Coombes were a useful pair of halves who gave the Welsh backs plenty of chances. In a good pack, Gippert, Martin and Culixte were always in the picture for France.

Wales played well as a team, and among their pillars in the pack were Phillips and Goldswain, while Gwyther played a grand game.—Reuter.

Lancs. Draw With Gloucestershire

London, Apr. 12.

A capacity crowd today saw Lancashire and Gloucestershire finish level in the final of the Rugby Union County Championship. A draw was a fair result of the game, which developed into a trial of strength between the Gloucestershire forwards and the more spectacular open work of the Lancashire backs.

The Army beat the Royal Navy by two penalty goals and a try to two tries at Twickenham. This left the Royal Air Force as the season's Service Champions, as the airmen had previously beaten the Army and drawn with the Navy, while both the Navy and the Army each lost a game.

Brilliant play by the half-backs, Stock and Preece, largely contributed to Coventry's overwhelming victory against Bristol by a dropped goal, three goals and three tries to a penalty goal. Preece, besides dropping a goal, scored two tries.

With eight reserves, owing to the County match, Gloucester were no match in speed or skill for the visiting Harlequin XV, who were well served by the Irish International centre-threequarter, M. Duly. Eleven points down at the interval, Gloucester rallied in the second period, but failed to check the thrustful Harlequin backs, losing by 17 points to 7.

The unveiling of a war memorial to commemorate those members of the two clubs killed during the last war preceded the match between the London Scottish and Richmond, which ended in a 14-all draw.

Results

Today's results were:

County Championship final, played at Blundellsands, Lancs., Lancashire 8, Gloucestershire 8.

Inter-Services Tournament, played at Twickenham, Army 19, Royal Navy 11.

London Scottish 14, Richmond 14; Old Merchant Taylors 6, London Welsh 12; Rosslyn Park 31, Manchester 3; Barnstaple 6, Penzance and Newlyn 13; Birmingham 21, Lydney 3; Bradford 9, Wakefield 6; Coventry 28, Bristol 9; Exmouth 5, Old Blues 19; Gloucester 7, Harlequins 17; Headingly 10, Liverpool 0; Neath 18, Abertillery 0; Newbridge 8, Cheltenham 3; Newport 18, Bath 13; Northampton 36, Old Alleynians 6; Notts 0, Moseley 14; Penrath 7, Weston-super-Mare 8; Plymouth Albion 11, Cardiff 16; Pontypridd 11, Bridgend 9; Redruth 11, Exeter 0; Torquay Athletic 14, Cambourne 7; Pontypool 19, R.A.F. team 4; Bedford 21, St. Bartholomew's Hospital 10; Birkenhead Park 13, Leicester 0.—Reuter.

University Cricket Match

The annual cricket match between Past and Present students of Hong Kong University saw its post-war revival yesterday in an all-day two-innings match at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The undergraduates proved themselves a balanced if not strong XI in losing by five wickets in a low scoring game.

The Past Students would have emerged victorious by a less comfortable margin were it not for T. E. Yeoh's knock of 40 in the second innings, the highest individual score of the day. G. Hong Choy was the most successful bowler, taking a total of nine undergrad wickets for 42 runs.

University, 1st Innings:

A. H. Rumjahn, b Hong Choy	0
Thomas Lo, c Yeoh, b Lo	6
L. T. Ride, c Youngsaye, b Hong Choy	1
T. T. Chin, b Hong Choy	13
S. A. Vanar, b Hong Choy	2
T. H. Lean, b Lam	6
Eric Ho, lbw., b Lam	0
J. T. Ng, b Lam	2
J. C. Koh, c Lam, b Hong Choy	4
E. O. Cook, not out	4
T. C. Lean, c & b Hong Choy	11
Extras,	1
Total:	59

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Hong Choy	8.4	1	27	6
K. Lo	6	2	16	1
C. W. Lam	3	0	16	3

	O.	M.	R.	W.

Past Students, 1st Innings:

D. Hung, b Lean	1
E. A. Lee, b Vanar	11
K. Lo, run out	31
J. Fenton, b Lean	9
F. R. Zimmern, b Lean	9
G. Hong Choy, c Lo, b Vanar	1
J. L. Youngsaye, not out	6
T. E. Yeoh, b Lean	40
H. Amann, c Vanar, b Lean	4
C. W. Lam, b Lean	1
Extras,	1
Total:	73

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lean	12	1	35	6
Ng	4	0	24	0
Vanar	7	1	14	2

University, 2nd Innings:

A. H. Rumjahn, c Fenton, b Zimmern	14
Thomas Lo, b Lee	10
L. T. Ride, b Zimmern	9
S. A. Vanar, st. Hung, b Hong Choy	2
T. T. Chin, c Lee, b Fenton	13
T. H. Lean, b Hong Choy	23
T. C. Lean, b Fenton	0
Eric Ho, c Lee, b Fenton	0
J. C. Koh, c Youngsaye, b Hong Choy	0
J. T. Ng, b Fenton	4
E. O. Cook, not out	1
Extras,	7
Total:	74

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Zimmern	5	2	20	2
Yeoh	2	0	7	0
Hong Choy	3.4	0	15	3
Lee	3	0	15	0
Fenton	3	0	17	4

Past Students, 2nd Innings:

F. R. Zimmern, b Vanar	0
T. E. Yeoh, c Lo, b Ng	40
K. Lo, c T. C. Lean, b Vanar	5
W. Hong Sling, run out	6
E. A. Lee, b Ng	10
D. Hung, b Ng	0
G. Hong Choy, not out	5
J. Fenton, not out	3
Extras,	9
Total:	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Vanar	7	0	33	2
Ng	3	1	11	3
Chin	7½	2	14	1
Koh	2	0	13	0
Ho	1	0	4	0
Ride	1	0	6	0

RAF Beat Tamar Team

In a friendly cricket game yesterday Royal Air Force beat Tamar Chief and P.O's by three wickets.

Against the bowling of Dean and Sewell the Petty Officers could only score 125 runs. Dean's 58 for 8 wickets included a hat trick.

Ch. & P.O's

L. White l.b.w., b. Sewell	12
R. Regeste, b. Dean	8
Tomlin, b. Dean	7
Russell, b. Dean	11
Garrod, l.b.w., b. Dean	9
R. White, b. Sewell	9
Willeman, l.b.w., b. Dean	7
Cooper, l.b.w., b. Dean	17
Branston, not out	9
Crummey, b. Dean	0
Burt, b. Dean	0
Extras	6
Total	125

Bowling: Dean 58 for 8, Sewell 15 for 2.

R.A.F.

Baxter, b. Russell	1
Lloyd, b. L. White	13
Abel, c. R. White, b. Russell	1
Mant, b. L. White	38
Cooper, b. L. White	9
Dorward, st., R. White, b. Garrod	55
Marshall, c. R. White, b. Russell	1
Sewell, b. Russell	0
Bennett, st., L. White, b. Russell	25
Richardson, b. Crummey	21
Dean, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	168

Bowling: Russell 50 for 5, L. White 52 for 2, Cooper 24 for 1, Garrod 22 for 1, Crummey 1 for 1.

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